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Annual Report
of the
Selectmen
and other
Town Officers
of the
Town of Acworth
New Hampshire

For The Year Ending December 31, 2005
*Please Bring this Town Report to Town Meeting
on Tuesday, March 14, 2006*

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DEDICATION



Walter L. "Bud" Smith
March 20, 1938 – January 3, 2006
An Acworth Institution

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Board of Selectmen	Thomas Esslinger – 2006 Lyman Young – 2007 John Tuthill - 2008
Town Clerk	Charlotte Comeau – 2005
Tax Collector	Kelly Sanchas – 2005
Treasurer	Scott Luther-Houghton – 2005
Administrative Assistant	Kathi Bradt
Moderator	Kenneth Grant - 2006
Supervisors of the Checklist	Gordon Gowen - 2006 Elizabeth Gowen - 2009 Rose Knight – 2010
Overseer of Public Welfare Health Office	Board of Selectmen Donna Dutton
Trustees of Trust Funds	John Demars – 2006 Alston Barrett – 2007 Tim Perry - 2008
Library Trustees	Ella Brown – 2006 Terry LeClair – 2006 Melinda Loiselle – 2007 Marguerite Hanson – 2008
Cemetery Trustees	Tanya Holt - 2008 Hanford Auten – 2006 Ruth Balla - 2007 Jane Esslinger - 2008
Budget Committee	James Brown – 2006 Stephen Davis – 2006 Hugh Gendron – 2007 Tara Auger – 2007 Torrey Greene – 2008 Tim Gowen - 2008
Road Agent Road Committee	Kerry Smith J. Mathew Balla - 2006 Ralph Balla – 2006 Hugh Gendron – 2007 Patrick O'Brien Tim Perry Rich Bishop

Planning Board

Doug Robinson - 2006
Ken Gagnon - 2006
Craig Oshkello - 2006
Bill Symonds - 2007
Steve Davis - 2008
John Herpel - 2008
John Tuthill, Selectman
Jim Jennison

Alternates

Conservation Commission

Peter Wotowiec - 2006
John Demars - 2006
Debby Hinman - 2007
Rob Devalk - 2008
Barb Davis - 2008
Lyman Young, Selectman
Liana Haubrich
David DelGenio
Sam Stephens – stepped down 2004

Alternates

Zoning Board of
Adjustment

Jay Phinizy - 2006
Ed Metsack - 2007
Tim Gowen - 2007
Rob Devalk - 2008
Peter Wotowiec

Alternate

Recreation Committee
FMRSD Board
Town Forester
Tree Warden

Mary Lord
James Elsesser
Peter Rhoades
G. Kristian Fenderson

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Selectmen	First, third, fifth Mondays, 7:00PM
Town Clerk	Mon., Tues., Wed. 6:30PM-8:00PM Sat. 9:00AM-11:00AM
Tax Collector	Mon. 8:30AM-12:30PM
Planning Board	Last Wed. of the month, 7:00PM
Conservation Commission	Second Wed. of the month, 7:00PM
Zoning Board of Adjustment	First Wed. of the month, 7:30PM
Recycling Committee	First Tues. of the month, 7:30PM
Cemetery Trustees	Third Wed. of the month, 7:00PM
Library Trustees	Second Thurs. of the month, 2:30PM
Trustees of Trust Funds	First Wed. of the month, 3:00PM
Selectmen's Office	Mon.-Fri., 8:30AM-12:30PM, 835-6879
Highway Garage	Answering machine 835-6866
Transfer Station	Wed. 11:00AM-6PM, Sat. 9:00AM-4 PM, Sun. 1:00PM-5:00PM, 835-6602
Library	Sun., Tues. & Thurs. 11:30AM-4:30PM 835- 2150
Emergency	Fire 352-1100 Police dispatch 542-7040

WARRANT FOR TOWN OF ACWORTH
MARCH 14, 2006

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth, NH in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, between the hours of 10:00 of the clock in the morning until 9:00 of the clock in the evening to act upon the following:

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Selectmen: 1 for 3 Year Term
Tax Collector: 1 for 1 Year Term
Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year Term
Library Trustee: 2 for 3 year Terms
Budget Committee: 2 for 3 Year Terms
Moderator: 1 for 2 Year Term
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 Year Term
Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 Year Term
Planning Board: 1 for Remaining 1 Year
Planning Board: 2 for 3 Year Terms
Supervisor of the Checklist: 1 for 6 Year Term

ARTICLE TWO: To vote by non-partisan ballot for amendment to the town Floodplain Development Ordinance, including Flood Insurance Rate Maps of 5-23-06, as proposed by the Planning Board. These changes are mandated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a condition for Acworth's continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.
Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE THREE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following:
To see if the Town will vote to prohibit motor vehicle race tracks in Acworth by adding the following phrase to Article V, Section A, #8 of the Acworth Zoning Ordinance: ***"with the exception of motor vehicle race tracks."*** and the following definition of "Motor Vehicle Race Track" to the Acworth Zoning Ordinance Definitions, Article XVI,:

"MOTOR VEHICLE RACE TRACK: An off-highway site or facility, or portion thereof, whose use includes, at any time, the engagement of motor vehicles of any description, as defined in RSA 259:60, in any type of competition as to speed or performance, with or without spectators, or which includes the operation of any type of motor vehicle in excess of any speed legally permitted on public highways in the State. Notwithstanding RSA Chapter 287-G, the term 'motor vehicle race track' includes any private driving and exhibition facility which meets the above definition."

By citizen petition.

Planning Board recommends this article.

Furthermore, you are hereby notified that discussion and voting on the following articles will commence at 7:30 of the clock in the evening on March 14 next at the Town Hall:

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred forty five thousand dollars (\$345,000) (gross budget) for the construction of an addition and renovations to the Town offices; and of that total, to authorize the issuance of not more than two hundred five thousand dollars (\$205,000) in bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; with the remaining sum of one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) to come from grant funds already received in February 2006; and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project, to comply with all laws applicable to said project and to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to finalize the building design and work as overseers of the construction.

A 2/3 ballot vote is required. Polls must remain open one hour after discussion. Discussion of other business can continue during that time. Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will accept the minutes of the Town Meeting of March 15, 2005.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to elect the members of the Acworth Zoning Board of Adjustment using the official non-partisan ballot, in accordance with RSA 673:3. If this article passes, when the term of each current member expires, a new member shall be elected at the next regular municipal election for the Town, as provided in RSA 675:3,II.

By citizen petition.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote by ballot to continue the Class VI Road policy committee for one more year.

By citizen petition

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote by ballot to require any Master Plan revisions to be voted on by the Town before adoption by Planning Board.

By citizen petition

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote by ballot to return the authority of issuing driveway permits to the Acworth Select Board.

By citizen petition

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote by ballot to rescind the Driveway Regulations revised and adopted by the Acworth Planning Board May 2005.

By citizen petition

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote by ballot to rescind the provisions of Article Eight as amended by the Acworth Town Meeting on March 12, 2002 which reads as follows: "To see if the Town will vote to deposit revenue collected with an annual cap of \$2000 pursuant to RSA 79-A (land use change tax) in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 70A:2511" and further, to place all land use change tax into the Town General Fund.

By citizen petition.

Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to "discontinue" Arthur Smith Road. (RSA 238:1-8)

By citizen petition

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the printing of the reports of the trustees and of the auditor in summary form rather than in full detail in the Town Report. (RSA 33-11)

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Building Policy and the Use and Maintenance Policy put forth by the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board pursuant to Article 15 of the March 15, 2005 Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Town Office Renovation/Addition Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 to come from grant funds already received in February 2006 into this fund. A Town Meeting vote will be required to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Cold Pond Road Paving Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty three thousand dollars (\$33,000) to replace the Ford 550 highway truck with a new truck; of this amount eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) is authorized to be withdrawn from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 2000) and fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) is to come from general taxation in 2006. (Majority vote required.)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000 from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund into the General Fund. Said funds were derived from sustainable timber harvests managed by the Conservation Commission in accordance with the long-term Town Forest Management Plan.

ARTICLE TWENTY ONE: To see if the Town will vote to sell the Grange Hall to the Acworth Historical Society for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and to authorize the Selectmen to take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Selectmen recommend this article.

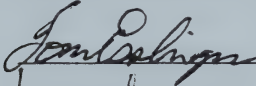
ARTICLE TWENTY TWO: To see if the Town will vote to raise sums of money as may become necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same as recommended in the Budget by the Budget Committee.
Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE TWENTY THREE: To see if the Town will provide for the appointment of alternates to the Acworth Board of Adjustment.

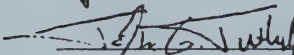
ARTICLE TWENTY FOUR: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Acworth this 20th day of February, 2006.

A True Copy of Warrant Attest:
Board of Selectmen:

 Tom Esslinger

 Lyman Young

 John Tuthill

2006 BUDGET FOR TOWN OF ACWORTH

Purpose of Appropriation	2005 Appropriation	2005 Expenditure	2006 Selectmen Budget	2006 Budget Com. Budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Executive Salaries	22,600	20,484	22,750	22,750
Elections & Vital Statistics	2,787	1,415	2,000	2,000
Payroll Tax Expenses	14,353	14,067	14,153	14,153
Property Assessing	4,980	7,980	8,000	8,000
Revaluation and Mapping	76,117	76,711 *	47,445	47,445
Legal Expense	15,000	12,093	18,000	18,000
Planning and Zoning	8,700	5,059	9,485	8,500
Amount not recommended				**985
General Government Bldgs.	4,700	13,331	17,150	17,150
Cemeteries	5,700	4,411	12,250	12,250
Insurance	11,517	11,915	13,851	13,851
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	878	878	920	920
Town Office Expenses	47,890	49,132	52,500	52,500
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police	26,670	16,404	10,000	10,000
Ambulance	7,749	7,749	8,136	8,136
Fire & Rescue Services	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
Fire & Rescue Truck Payment	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Emergency Management	1,000	2,509	1,500	1,500
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS				
Highway Maint. & Wages	218,480	209,304	226,540	226,540
FEMA Grant Expenses	-	515,926	-	-
NH Disaster Assist. Grant Expenses	-	-	-	-
Street Lighting	2,000	1,839	2,000	2,000
Highway General Expenses	41,000	84,318	80,500	70,000
Amount not recommended				**10,500
SANITATION				
Solid Waste Disposal	75,900	75,198	82,670	82,670
Amount not recommended			**1,000	
Landfill closure	-	8,058	10,000	10,000
HEALTH AND WELFARE				
Animal Control	2,000	1,689	1,700	1,700
Health Care Agencies	8,000	4,186	8,000	8,000
Welfare Payments	5,000	4,570	7,500	7,500

2006 BUDGET FOR TOWN OF ACWORTH (continued)

Purpose of Appropriation	2005 Appropriation	2005 Expenditure	2006 Selectmen Budget	2006 Budget Com. Budget
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Parks and Recreation	1,800	1,789	2,000	2,000
Library	21,800	21,800	21,400	21,400
Patriotic Purposes	200	200	200	200
CONSERVATION				
Conservation Commission	700	700	700	700
Crescent Lake Milfoil Committee	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
DEBT SERVICE				
Interest on Tax Anticip. Notes	1,000	-	6,000	6,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Equipment Lease-Highway Truck	-	-	25,000	25,000
Road Projects and Paving	65,000	53,239	75,000	75,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
Conservations Commission (LUCT)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Forest Maintenance Fund	10,000	6,135	5,000	5,000
SUBTOTAL 1	<u>739,521</u>	<u>1,269,089</u>	<u>828,350</u>	<u>816,865</u>
Amounts not recommended			**1,000	**11,485
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES				
Town Hall Renovations	-	-	345,000	345,000
Cap. Reserve-Cold Pond Road	-	-	25,000	25,000
Cap. Reserve-Highway Equip.	15,000	15,000	-	-
Cap. Reserve-Reval./Mapping	40,000	40,000	-	-
SUBTOTAL 2	<u>55,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>370,000</u>	<u>370,000</u>
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES				
Truck replacement (1 ton)	-	-	15,000	15,000
Equip. Lease-Police Cruiser	7,000	-	-	-
Equip. Lease-Highway Truck	25,000	25,000	-	-
Town Hall Rennovations	56,100	55,970	-	-
SUBTOTAL 3	<u>88,100</u>	<u>80,970</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>

*Paid from capital reserve funds, grants,
conservation or forest maintenance funds.

** Amounts not included in totals

2006 BUDGET FOR TOWN OF ACWORTH (continued)

Source of Revenue	2005 Estimated Revenues	2005 Actual Revenues	2006 Estimated Revenues
TAXES			
Land Use Change Tax	2,000	18,288	2,000
Timber Yield Tax	15,000	15,557	15,000
Excavation Tax	100	169	170
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	13,500	14,418	10,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
Business Licenses & Permits	-	15	-
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	106,400	122,059	118,390
Building Permit Fees	350	390	400
Dog License Fees	800	1,350	1,350
Other Lic., Permits & Fees	396	410	260
FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			
FEMA Disaster Assistance Advance	-	200,000	-
Grant funds	-	-	140,000
FROM STATE SOURCES			
Shared Revenues	9,721	9,721	9,721
Meals & Rooms Tax Distrib.	28,000	31,374	31,000
Highway Block Grant	119,670	119,670	122,137
State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	300	271	300
Other State grants	-	150	-
NH Disaster Assistance Relief (FEMA matching funds)	-	34,341	-
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Transfer Station Fees	8,000	11,022	10,500
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Properties	23,008	23,008	-
Cemetery Lot Sales	-	650	-
Grove Lot Timber Sales	10,000	6,135	5,000
Interest Income on Deposits	3,500	4,455	4,000
Recycling Proceeds	2,000	2,334	2,000
Insurance Proceeds	-	139,917	-
Civil forfeitures	-	250	-
Reimbursement for FMRHS elections	-	172	-
Planning board fees	-	360	-
Sale of Histories and Maps	-	520	-
Miscellaneous fees	-	731	1,000

2006 BUDGET FOR TOWN OF ACWORTH (continued)

Source of Revenue	2005 Estimated Revenues	2005 Actual Revenues	2006 Estimated Revenues
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
Cemetery Trust Funds	-	550	3,660
Transfer From Forest Maintenance Fund	5,000	3,068	10,000
Transfer From Capital Reserve-Reval/Mapping	76,117	57,172	42,538
Transfer From Capital Reserve-Equipment	-	-	18,000
Transfer From Capital Reserve-Dump Closure	-	8,058	10,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Proceeds from Long Term Bonds	-	-	205,000
Amounts Voted From Prior F/B Surplus (Townhall)	56,100	56,100	-
Fund Balance "Surplus" to Reduce Taxes	4,000	54,000	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	<u>483,962</u>	<u>936,685</u>	<u>762,426</u>

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2005 Adopted Budget	2006 Selectmen Budget	2006 Budget Com. Budget
APPROPRIATIONS SUBTOTAL 1	739,521	828,350	816,865
APPROPRIATIONS SUBTOTAL 2	55,000	370,000	370,000
APPROPRIATIONS SUBTOTAL 3	<u>88,100</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	882,621	1,213,350	1,201,865
LESS: TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	<u>483,962</u>	<u>762,426</u>	<u>762,426</u>
ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	<u>398,659</u>	<u>450,924</u>	<u>439,439</u>

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF ACWORTH
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
2005

**Elections – March 8, 2005 (10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.) March 15, 2005 (5:00
p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)**

Business Meeting – March 15, 2005 (7:30 p.m.)

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth, New Hampshire in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, between the hours of 10:00 of the clock in the morning until 9:00 of the clock in the evening to act upon the following:

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Selectmen - One person for three-year term

John Balla 164

John Tuthill 206

Town Clerk - One person for remaining two-year term

Charlotte Comeau 344

Tax Collector - One person for one-year term

Kelly Sanchas 345

Treasurer - One person for one-year term

Scott Luther-Houghton 320

Budget Committee - Two persons for three-year term

Torrey Green 297

Tim Gowan 74 (by write-in vote)

Moderator - One person for one-year term

Ken Grant 345

Trustee of Trust Funds - One person for three-year term

Tim Perry 266

Road Committee - Two persons for three-year terms

Howell Longley 12 (by write in-vote)

Jay Phinizy 6 (by write in-vote)

Planning Board - One person for remaining one-year term

Planning Board - Two persons for three-year terms

Rich Bishop	157	
Stephen Davis		188
John Herpel	195	

Library Trustee - One person for three-year term

Tanya Holt	27 (by write-in vote)
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Cemetery Trustee - One person for three-year term

Jane Esslinger	274
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(Names in **bold** were elected)

ARTICLE TWO: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the amending of Article XVI, Section C, of the Acworth Zoning Ordinance to read as follows:

Frontage, for the purposes of this ordinance, means the length of a lot bordering on a Class V or better road, or a private right of way, accessing a Class V or better road, shown on a subdivision plan approved by the Planning Board. Where a lot has frontage on more than one right of way, the frontage shall be on that road which has the greatest length, unless otherwise designated by the owner.

Changes are indicated in italics. Pursuant to RSA 674:16-d. The intent being to prohibit issuance of building permits on Class VI roads. Submitted by petition. The Acworth Planning Board, by vote, did not approve this amendment to the Acworth Zoning Ordinance. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

Yes	115	No	248
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Furthermore, you are hereby notified that discussion and voting on the following articles will commence at 7:30 of the clock in the evening on March 8 next at the Town Hall:

On March 8th at 5:30 p.m., Moderator Ken Grant announced postponement of the meeting due to bad weather conditions until March 15th at 7:30 p.m. The polls will re-open on March 15th, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. to continue voting for town officials and the warrant article, and will remain open until the conclusion of the meeting.

Moderator Ken Grant opened the meeting at 7:50 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at the Acworth Town Hall. Ken announced that he would not read the full article but would read each article before discussion and again before voting on it. He then asked all to stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance. Ken announced that the polls would be open until after the meeting for those that still had not voted.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will accept the minutes of the Town Meeting of March 9, 2004.

Article Three was moved by Ray Nabatoff, seconded by Jim Brown. With no discussion the article was moved to vote.

Article Three passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

Article Four was moved by Jim Brown, seconded by Ed Metsack. With no discussion the article was moved to vote.

Article Four passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article Five was moved by Rob Devalk, seconded by John Demars. With no discussion the article was moved to vote.

Article Five passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Solid Waste Ordinance to clarify and reinforce current operations at the Transfer Station:

Solid waste management is an area that requires our attention. The 2003 Solid Waste report to the Town indicated Acworth generated approximately 430 tons of solid waste at close to \$160/ton; recycling saved the Town over \$5,000 in disposal expenses. In 2004 Kerry Smith and Todd Lindenstruth both increased their transfer station management certification. In a continuing effort to provide safe and economical waste disposal the Board of Selectmen submits the following:

TOWN OF ACWORTH SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

Pursuant to RSA 149-M:17, and in the interest of providing a safe, efficient and economical Solid Waste Transfer Station/Recycling Center, the Town of Acworth ordains as follows:

The Transfer Station/Recycling Center shall be open to all residents and landowners of the Town of Acworth;

The hours of operation shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen and shall be posted at the Transfer Station, Town Hall, and Post Offices;

The Operator shall have the authority to oversee the disposal of refuse and recyclable items, to levy established fees, and to enforce policies set by the Board of Selectmen to assure the efficiency of the Transfer Station;

Disposal fees shall be established by the Board of Selectmen for materials which are deemed to place an undue burden on the Transfer Station budget as voted by the Town;

Disposal shall be limited to refuse from Acworth only; materials brought from another town shall not be accepted without written permission from the Board of Selectmen;

After hours disposal of refuse or recyclable items shall be prohibited without written permission from the Board of Selectmen;

Removal of material from the Transfer Station/Recycling Center shall be prohibited without permission from the Board of Selectmen or the Operator;

Violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be reported to the Board of Selectmen and Acworth Police Department and may be subject to fines up to \$500;

This ordinance becomes effective upon affirmative vote by the Town at its annual Town Meeting, March 8, 2005. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article Six was moved by Caroline Barth, seconded by John Tuthill.

With no discussion the article was moved to vote.

Article Six passed by voice vote.

Chris Noonan motioned to move Article Fifteen up and discuss at this point, and was then seconded.

Motion to Move to Article Fifteen passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to work with the Planning Board during the next year to write a clear town policy and plan regarding Class VI road use and development. This plan will clarify the intent of the town to allow development, or to limit it, on specific roads and will conform to the mandate to plan for future growth so as to preclude scattered and premature development. This plan will be presented at public hearing and subsequently approved by both boards. Until this plan is so approved, for a period not to exceed one year, the Selectmen will not issue building permits for parcels without adequate frontage on Class V or better roads. Submitted by petition. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

Article Fifteen was moved by Ed Metsack, seconded by Richard Kangas.

Peter Wotowiec spoke briefly of the benefits of voting for this article.

After fifteen minutes of discussion, Chris Noonan moved to amend the article, seconded by Peter Wotowiec.

Article Fifteen with the proposed amendment to read as follows (changes appear in **bold**):

To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to work with the Planning Board during the next year to write a clear town policy and plan regarding Class VI road use and development. This plan will clarify the intent of the town to allow development, or to limit it, on specific roads. **This plan will be presented at a public hearing and subsequently approved by both boards before being submitted for approval by the voters of Acworth by non-partisan ballot on the 2006 Town Meeting Warrant.**

After ten minutes of discussion, motion was made to move to the amendment.

Amendment was moved to vote.

Amendment passed by voice vote.

Article Fifteen was moved to vote as amended. Ken Grant announced that upon request of five legal voters, this would be a ballot vote. Ken Grant gave instructions that Ballot “A” was to be used in voting. The ballots were immediately collected and counted.

Yes	157	No	30
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Article Fifteen as amended passed.
Chris Noonan moved to restrict reconsideration of Article Fifteen, seconded by Lyman Young.
Restriction of reconsideration moved to vote.

Restriction of reconsideration for Article Fifteen passed by voice vote.

The meeting then resumed regular order.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund (created in 2000) for the purchase of Highway Equipment. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

Article Seven was moved by Jim Brown, seconded by Lorraine Dion. Selectman Tom Esslinger addressed the article indicating that we should pass this article rather than fixing up trucks all the time. After some discussion Article Seven was moved to vote.

Article Seven passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty thousand dollars) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund (created in 2001) for the future revaluation of the Town. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

Article Eight was moved by Jim Brown, seconded by Ray Nabatoff

After a couple of questions, Tom Esslinger made a motion to amend the sum from \$30,000 to \$40,000, seconded by Lyman Young. After some discussion, amendment was moved to vote.

Amendment passed by voice vote.

Article Eight was moved to vote as amended.

Article Eight as amended passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for \$125,000 for the purpose of leasing a new highway truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. The lease agreement will contain an escape clause. Majority vote required, Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

Article Nine was moved by Jim Brown, seconded by Torrey Green. Kerry Smith addressed this article and current conditions of the old trucks currently in use. After some discussion the article was moved to vote.

Article Nine passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for \$35,000 for the purpose of leasing a new Police cruiser and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. The lease agreement will contain an escape clause. Majority vote required, Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

Article Ten was moved by June Blake, seconded by Sandy Bisson. After brief discussion the Article was moved to vote.

Article Ten passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Forest Management Fund into the General Fund up to \$5,000.00 of net revenue from the 2004-2005 Gove Town Forest timber harvest, not to exceed 50% of the final harvest income. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

Article Eleven was moved by Terry Burns, seconded by Peter Wotowiec.

Peter Wotowiec addressed the article and his support for it. After a brief discussion the article was moved to vote.

Article Eleven passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to establish as town forest under RSA: 31:110 the tracts or parcels of land known as the Jennison and Nelson lots, to authorize the Conservation Commission to manage the town forest under the provision of RSA: 31:112 II and to authorize the placement of any proceeds which may accrue from said forest management into the existing Forest Management Fund, which shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year as provided by RSA: 31:113. Dispersal of said funds above and beyond the implementation of the management plan shall be approved by voters at the annual Town Meeting. Said parcels shall be hereafter known as the South Acworth Town Forest. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article Twelve was moved by Rob DeValk, seconded by Jim Brown. Peter Wotowiec addressed the article and his support for it. After some discussion the article was moved to vote.

Article Twelve passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will accept the gift of Lot 297 of Map 24 for annexation to the public cemeteries. (On January 26, 2005, the Cemetery Trustees voted unanimously to support this article.) Submitted by petition. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article Thirteen was moved by Stella Herpel, seconded by Terry Burns. Stella Herpel addressed this article. After a question the article was moved to vote.

Article Thirteen passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$46,100 (Forty six thousand, one hundred dollars) to continue the renovation of the Acworth Town Hall; said money to come from surplus. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

Article Fourteen was moved by Stella Herpal, seconded by George Collins.

John Herpel made a motion to amend the amount from \$46,100 to \$56,100, seconded by Stella Herpel.

After some discussion, motion was made to move to vote.

Amendment passed by voice vote.

Article Fourteen was moved to vote as amended.

Article Fourteen as amended passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise sums of money as may become necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same as recommended in the Budget by the Budget Committee. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article Sixteen was moved by Torrey Greene, seconded by John Tuthill.

Ray Nabatoff moved to amend to designate \$1,000 from the unassigned portion of Health & Welfare budget toward the Keene Community Kitchen, as was requested last year when article eighteen was passed. Peter Wotowiec seconded.

After some discussion, it was agreed to change the wording in the amendment to read: To add \$1,000 to the budget to be used toward the Keene Community Kitchen as was requested last year when article eighteen was passed.

After some discussion, June Blake motioned to move to the question on the amendment, seconded by Lyman Young.

Moving to the question passed by voice vote.

Amendment failed by voice vote.

Tom Esslinger made a move to amend the amount in the budget under the highway line to increase the amount by \$15,000 for the purposes of repair to the Echo Valley Road on the Cold River, seconded by Kerry Smith.

Tom went on to read a letter, which was received from the state that the bridge is considered unsafe.

After some discussion, amendment was moved to vote.

A voice vote was taken; the Moderator was in doubt, a show of hands vote was then taken.

Show of Hands in favor – 90 Show of Hands not in favor – 38

The Amendment passed.

Jack Rieck moved to reduce the budget by \$58,480, and was then seconded.

After some discussion, amendment was moved to vote.

Amendment failed by voice vote.

Article Sixteen was moved to vote as amended.

Article Sixteen as amended in the amount of \$741,021 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote that the Town Clerk compensation will be salary only and not include fees. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article Seventeen was moved by Tom Esslinger, seconded by Ed Metsack.

After a brief comment from Tom Esslinger, the article was moved to vote.

Article Seventeen passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

Alice Fogel spoke briefly on community profile.

Rose Knight raised the question about an amount on page 44 of the Town Report, expenditure of \$34,648. Wanted to know what this amount was for. There was no explanation. Moderator stated this was a valid question and asked that it be looked into.

With no other business at hand at 10:30 p.m., the Moderator announced that the business portion of the meeting would adjourn after the last person voted.

Polls closed at 10:35 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 10:40 to count ballots.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Charlotte Comeau
Acworth Town Clerk**

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Municipal Services Division

2005 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN PORTION

Gross Appropriations	884,121		
Less: Revenues	(532,116)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(4,100)		
Add: Overlay	9,880		
Add: War Service Credits	<u>3,500</u>		
Net Town Appropriation	361,285		
Special Adjustment	<u>-</u>		
Approved Town Tax Effort		361,285	
Town Rate per \$1,000			7.59

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget	-		
Regional School Apportionment	1,280,058		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(417,154)		
Less: Additional FY04 Targeted Aid	(3,022)		
Less: State Education Taxes	<u>(194,110)</u>		
Approved School Tax Effort		665,772	
Local School Rate per \$1,000			13.97

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

State Equalized Valuation (no utilities)	68,348,736		
State Education Rate per \$1,000	<u>2.84</u>		
Approved State School Tax Effort		194,110	
State Education Rate per \$1,000			4.14
based on local assessed valuation			
(no utilities) of \$46,890,076			

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	194,668		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>(1,046)</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		193,622	
County Rate per \$1,000			4.06

TOTAL COMBINED TAX RATE PER \$1,000

29.76

Total Property Taxes Assessed	<u>1,414,789</u>
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(3,500)</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT	<u><u>1,411,289</u></u>

	local assessed valuation	tax rate per 1,000	taxes assessed
PROOF OF TAX RATE			
State Education Tax (no utilities)	46,890,076	4.14	194,110
All Other Taxes	47,644,978	<u>25.62</u>	<u>1,220,679</u>
		<u>29.76</u>	<u>1,414,789</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT
Comparative statement of appropriations and expenditures for 2005

Appropriation title	Appropriated	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrafted
GENERAL BUDGET				
Town officers' salaries	\$ 22,600	\$ 20,484	\$ 2,116	\$ -
Elections and registration	2,787	1,415	1,372	
Payroll tax expenses	14,353	14,067	286	
Property assessing	4,980	7,980		3,000
Revaluation of property	76,117	76,711		594
Legal expenses	15,000	12,093	2,907	
Planning and zoning	8,700	5,059	3,641	
Town hall expenses	4,700	13,331		8,631
Cemeteries	5,700	4,411	1,289	
Insurance	11,517	11,915		398
Regional planning assoc.	878	878		
Town office expense	47,890	49,132		1,242
Police	26,670	16,404	10,266	
Ambulance	7,749	7,749		
Fire & Rescue services	22,000	22,000		
Fire & Rescue trk pymnt	10,000	10,000		
Emergency management	1,000	2,509		1,509
Flood repairs	-	515,926		
Less FEMA/NH aid	-	(215,000)		
Adjusted flood repairs	-	300,926		300,926
Highway maintenance	218,480	209,304		
Less NH aid reimb.	-	(5,721)		
Adjusted highway maint	218,480	203,583	14,897	
Highway parts, fuel, equip	41,000	84,318		
Less NH aid reimb.	-	(13,619)		
Adjusted highway parts	41,000	70,699		29,699
Landfill closure	-	8,058		
Less paid from cap resv	-	(8,058)		
Adjusted landfill closure	-	-		

TREASURER'S REPORT

Comparative statement of appropriations and expenditures for 2005 (continued)

Appropriation title	Appropriated	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrafted
GENERAL BUDGET				
Street lighting	2,000	1,839	161	
Solid waste disposal	75,900	75,198	702	
Animal control	2,000	1,689	311	
Health and other agencies	8,000	4,186	3,814	
Welfare	5,000	4,570	430	
Parks and recreation	1,800	1,789	11	
Library operations	21,800	21,800		
Memorial day expenses	200	200		
Conservation commission	700	700		
Conservation preservation	2,000	2,000		
Interest expense	1,000	-	1,000	
Town hall renovations	56,100	55,970	130	
Road projects and paving	65,000	53,239	11,761	
subtotal	783,621	1,074,526	55,094	345,999
SPECIAL/INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES				
Conservation commis'n-lu	2,000	2,000		
Forest maintenance funds	10,000	6,135	3,865	
Equipment lease-hgwy trk	25,000	25,000		
Equipment lease-police	7,000	-	7,000	
Cap reserve-hgwy equip	15,000	15,000		
Cap reserve-revaluation	40,000	40,000		
subtotal	99,000	88,135	10,865	-
TOTALS	\$ 882,621	\$ 1,162,661	\$ 65,959	\$ 345,999

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Detailed Statement of Revenues for 2005

Jan - Dec 05

Income

3100 · From tax collector		
3110.1 · Property taxes-current year	1,277,509.46	
3110.2 · Property taxes-prior years	142,511.06	
3110.3 · Property tax-lien redemptions	32,451.71	
3120.1 · Land use change tax-current yr	16,370.00	
3120.2 · Land use change tax-prior years	1,918.00	
3185.1 · Timber yield taxes-current year	14,745.05	
3185.2 · Timber yield taxes-prior years	812.04	
3187.1 · Excavation tax-current yr	156.40	
3187.2 · Excavation tax-prior years	12.74	
3190.1 · Interest & costs-late prop tax	9,915.93	
3190.2 · Interest & costs-late LUC tax	221.33	
3190.3 · Interest & costs-late yield tax	132.07	
3190.4 · Interest & costs-redemptions	4,148.66	
Total 3100 · From tax collector		1,500,904.45
3200 · From town clerk		
3210.4 · UCC filing fees	15.00	
3220.1 · Motor vehicle permit fees	121,612.52	
3220.2 · Title application fees	446.00	
3290.1 · Dog license fees	1,349.50	
3290.2 · Birth, death, marriage fees	260.00	
3290.3 · Pole license	20.00	
3291.1 · Filing fees	6.00	
3291.2 · Bad check fees	50.00	
3291.3 · Miscellaneous fees	73.50	
Total 3200 · From town clerk		123,832.52
3319 · From Federal sources		
3319.1 · FEMA funds for road repairs	200,000.00	
Total 3319 · From Federal sources		200,000.00
3350 · From state		
3351 · Shared revenue block grant	9,721.00	
3352 · Meals and rooms distribution	31,374.19	
3353 · Highway block grant	119,669.67	
3356 · Forest land reimbursement	270.67	
3359.1 · Disaster assistance relief	34,340.53	
3359.2 · Other State grants	150.00	
Total 3350 · From state		195,526.06
3400 · Revenue from services		
3404 · Transfer station fees	11,022.26	
Total 3400 · Revenue from services		11,022.26
3500 · Miscellaneous sources		
3501.1 · Sale of municipal properties	23,008.00	
3501.2 · Cemetery lot sales	650.00	
3501.3 · Gove lot - timber sales	6,135.43	
3501.4 · Sale of fixed assets	50.00	
3501.5 · Insurance proceeds	139,916.72	
3502.1 · Interest income on deposits	4,454.59	

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Detailed Statement of Revenues for 2005

	Jan - Dec 05	
3504.1 · Civil forfeitures	250.00	
3509.2 · Recycling proceeds	2,333.60	
3509.4 · Reimb from FMRHS for elections	172.00	
3230.1 · Building permits fees	390.00	
3230.2 · Planning board fees	360.26	
3230.3 · Sale of histories, maps	520.00	
3230.4 · Miscellaneous fees	682.67	
Total 3500 · Miscellaneous sources		178,923.27
3912 · From special revenue funds		
3912.1 · Transfers from forest maint fds	3,067.72	
Total 3912 · From special revenue funds		3,067.72
3915 · From capital reserve funds		
3915.1 · From capital reserve-dump close	8,058.22	
3915.4 · From capital reserve-reval/maps	57,172.26	
Total 3915 · From capital reserve funds		65,230.48
3916 · Trust and agency funds		
3916.1 · Cemetery trust funds	550.00	
3916.3 · Reimb from Forest Maint. funds	2,807.00	
3916.4 · Forest maint plan expenses paid	-2,807.00	
3916.5 · Reimb from Conserv. Comm. funds	1,492.00	
3916.6 · Conservation comm expenses paid	-1,492.00	
Total 3916 · Trust and agency funds		550.00
Total Income		2,279,056.76

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Detailed Statement of Expenditures for 2005

Jan - Dec 05

Expense

4130 · Executive expenses		
Selectman-John Tuthill	2,000.00	
Selectman-Lyman A. Young	2,000.00	
Selectman-Thomas H. Esslinger	2,000.00	
Treasurer-S Luther-Houghton	2,500.00	
Tax collector-Kelly Sanchas	5,250.00	
Deputy tax coltr-Gagnon& Comeau	403.83	
Town clerk- C Comeau	5,841.00	
Deputy clerk-Sanchas & Rushing	388.71	
Health officer-Donna Dutton	100.00	
Total 4130 · Executive expenses		20,483.54
4140 · Elections and vital statistics		
Ballots	87.20	
Public notices	175.40	
Stipends-election officials	1,152.00	
Total 4140 · Elections and vital statistics		1,414.60
4150 · Payroll tax expenses		
Payroll taxes-animal control	129.01	
Payroll taxes-cemeteries	18.37	
Payroll taxes-cleaning	69.45	
Payroll taxes-dump attendant	1,165.65	
Payroll taxes-election official	70.38	
Payroll taxes-highway	8,777.92	
Payroll taxes-planning board	54.42	
Payroll taxes-police	455.35	
Payroll taxes-town office	1,759.71	
Payroll taxes-town officials	1,566.98	
Total 4150 · Payroll tax expenses		14,067.24
4151 · Property assessing		7,979.52
4152 · Revaluation of property		
4152.1 · Mapping	35,867.00	
4152.2 · Reassessing	40,843.71	
Total 4152 · Revaluation of property		76,710.71
4153 · Legal expenses		12,093.32
4191 · Planning and zoning		
Wages - planning board	711.18	
Community Profile project	1,319.00	
Printing of manuals, ballots	121.29	
Master Plan expenses	1,600.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	359.00	
Public notices	743.85	
Registry recording	204.37	
Total 4191 · Planning and zoning		5,058.69
4194 · Town hall		
Wages - cleaning	907.50	
Architect	4,200.00	
Cleaning, shoveling	72.00	

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Detailed Statement of Expenditures for 2005

	Jan - Dec 05	
Electricity	613.52	
Fuel oil	1,734.95	
Mowing	1,665.00	
Repairs	4,020.31	
Supplies	117.25	
Total 4194 · Town hall		13,330.53
4195 · Cemeteries		
Wages - cemeteries	240.00	
Cemetery maps	1,040.83	
Miscellaneous expenses	480.25	
Mowing	2,500.00	
Stone restoration endowed	150.00	
Total 4195 · Cemeteries		4,411.08
4196 · Insurance		
Property and liability	5,952.47	
Unemployment comp	178.00	
Workmens comp	5,784.53	
Total 4196 · Insurance		11,915.00
4197 · Regional planning associations		
UVLSRPC annual dues	877.80	
Total 4197 · Regional planning associations		877.80
4199 · Town office expenses		
Wages-admin. assist.	22,742.55	
Wages-office help	260.00	
Association dues	578.45	
Audit of Tax Collector	1,200.00	
Audit of Treasurer	1,547.50	
Audit of Trustees of Trust Fund	950.00	
Bank service charges	69.05	
Computer, software and support	10,986.10	
Deed office recording fees	77.11	
Miscellaneous	105.07	
Office equipment	329.00	
Office supplies	1,217.30	
Postage	877.33	
Public notices	557.16	
Reval expenses	734.82	
Telephone	2,206.84	
Tax collector expenses	1,570.94	
Town clerk expenses	615.96	
Town reports	2,304.45	
Trustees of trust funds expense	106.89	
Workshops and training	95.00	
Total 4199 · Town office expenses		49,131.52
4210 · Police		
Wages-police	5,952.34	
Contract services	1,502.80	
Cruiser gas	905.58	
Cruiser maintenance	1,200.20	

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Detailed Statement of Expenditures for 2005

	Jan - Dec 05	
Dispatch	3,092.56	
Storage rent	1,201.74	
Office supplies	973.49	
Publications	202.50	
Radio	834.00	
Supplies	476.38	
Telephone	62.02	
Total 4210 · Police		16,403.61
4215 · Ambulance		7,749.00
4220 · Fire		
AVF&R fire and rescue contract	22,000.00	
AVF&R fire truck payment	10,000.00	
Total 4220 · Fire		32,000.00
4290 · Emergency management		
Miscellaneous	2,508.94	
Total 4290 · Emergency management		2,508.94
4299 · FEMA grant expense road repairs		
4299.1 · NRCS grant expense flood repair	15,000.00	
4299.2 · Flood control		
Black North	9,830.50	
Charlestown Road	13,023.62	
Cobb Hill	1,503.00	
Cold Pond Road	5,252.18	
Crane Brook	113,107.57	
Derry Hill	27,664.42	
Echo Valley	227,558.99	
Forest	45,323.00	
Gove Road	3,000.85	
Grout Hill	517.50	
Heino	4,273.49	
Luther Hill	130.00	
Lynn Hill	4,120.00	
McLaughling/Mulligan	7,273.82	
Milliken Brook	13,547.82	
Nye	3,164.19	
Parsons	4,407.00	
Thayer Brook	437.29	
Underwood	6,112.58	
General	10,678.48	
Total 4299.2 · Flood control		500,926.30
Total 4299 · FEMA grant expense road re...		515,926.30
4312 · Highway maintenance		
Wages-highway	114,744.24	
Health insurance	34,326.22	
Calcium chloride	15,129.00	
Culverts	5,717.50	
Materials-gravel and shurpak	8,786.15	
Miscellaneous	1,021.55	
Mower, chipper and equip rental	5,518.00	

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Detailed Statement of Expenditures for 2005

	Jan - Dec 05	
Salt	11,911.67	
Sand screening and piling	12,149.76	
Total 4312 · Highway maintenance		209,304.09
4316 · Street lighting		1,838.89
4319 · Highway - general expenses		
Building maintenance	7,064.50	
Diesel fuel	17,410.31	
Electricity	939.60	
Emergency tow	1,452.31	
Gas	2,337.03	
Heating oil	3,714.73	
Miscellaneous	1,141.75	
Repairs, parts	37,653.27	
Supplies	1,699.56	
Telephone	969.11	
New equipment	9,935.50	
Total 4319 · Highway - general expenses		84,317.67
4324 · Solid waste		
Wages-dump attendant	15,237.00	
Compactor trucking/rental fees	8,644.02	
Demolition disposal fees	13,643.46	
Electricity	169.88	
Glass/ceramic disposal	200.80	
Hazardous waste disposal	2,694.82	
Miscellaneous supplies	939.86	
Mixed paper disposal	234.17	
NH/VT SWP current year	27,946.62	
NH/VT SWP settlement pymt	4,000.00	
Telephone	410.73	
Tire disposal	733.75	
Training	342.60	
Total 4324 · Solid waste		75,197.71
4325 · Landfill closure		8,058.22
4414 · Animal control		
Wages-animal control	1,686.26	
State fees	-20.00	
Mileage	22.75	
Total 4414 · Animal control		1,689.01
4415 · Health and other agencies		
Alstead Food Shelf	600.00	
Community Kitchen	500.00	
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals	400.00	
Home Healthcare Hospice & CS	836.00	
Sullivan County Hospice	250.00	
S W Community Services	800.00	
West Central Behavioral Health	800.00	
Total 4415 · Health and other agencies		4,186.00
4445 · Welfare		4,569.68
4520 · Recreation		

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Detailed Statement of Expenditures for 2005

	Jan - Dec 05	
Electricity	489.64	
Mowing	900.00	
Portable toilet	50.00	
Trout stocking	342.75	
4520 · Recreation - Other	6.37	
Total 4520 · Recreation		1,788.76
4550 · Library		
Wages-library	11,038.00	
Payroll taxes-library	844.40	
Library appropriation paid	9,397.69	
Heating fuel	519.91	
Total 4550 · Library		21,800.00
4583 · Memorial day expenses		200.00
4611 · Conservation commission		
CC association dues	175.00	
Crescent Lake testing	226.46	
Miscellaneous expense	135.79	
CC appropriation paid	162.75	
Total 4611 · Conservation commission		700.00
4619 · Conservation preservation		
Crescent Lake Milfoil Committee	2,000.00	
Total 4619 · Conservation preservation		2,000.00
4902.3 · Equip. lease-highway truck		25,000.00
4903.1 · Town hall renovations		54,803.96
4903.2 · Office furniture and equipment		1,166.37
4909 · Road projects and paving		53,238.96
4912.1 · Conservation commission fund		2,000.00
4912.2 · Forest maintenance fund		6,135.43
4915.2 · Capital reserve - highway equip		15,000.00
4915.3 · Capital reserve - revaluation		40,000.00
4931 · Sullivan County		194,668.00
4933 · FM Regional School District		955,232.70
Abatements/overpymts refunded		4,436.62
Tax liens by town		35,858.88
Total Expense		2,595,252.35

Town of Acworth
Balance Sheets (All Funds, Comparative)

December 31, 2005 and 2004

	Dec 31, 05	Dec 31, 04
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1010.1 · Checking	536.73	1,067.73
1010.2 · Money market	176,183.87	489,848.46
1010.3 · Savings - Conservation Comm.	10,273.67	8,971.04
1010.4 · Savings - Forest Maintenance	12,518.18	12,204.15
1010.5 · Petty Cash-Town Clerk	50.00	50.00
1010.6 · Petty Cash-Town Office	40.00	40.00
Total Checking/Savings	199,602.45	512,181.38
Other Current Assets		
1080.1 · Taxes receivable - property tax	135,193.03	138,932.70
1080.2 · Taxes receivable - luc tax	500.00	5,418.00
1080.3 · Taxes receivable - timber yield	399.43	812.04
1080.4 · Taxes receivable - excavation	0.00	12.74
1085 · Allowance for abatements-propty	-500.00	-500.00
1110.4 · Tax liens receivable-2002 levy	0.00	6,991.76
1110.5 · Tax liens receivable-2003 levy	6,076.12	20,396.96
1110.6 · Tax liens receivable-2004 levy	24,695.20	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	166,363.78	172,064.20
Total Current Assets	365,966.23	684,245.58
TOTAL ASSETS	365,966.23	684,245.58
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
2075 · School district payable	326,500.60	421,851.26
2280 · Gove Lot performance bonds	2,000.00	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	328,500.60	421,851.26
Total Current Liabilities	328,500.60	421,851.26
Total Liabilities	328,500.60	421,851.26
Equity		
2530.1 · Fund balance-general	14,673.78	241,219.13
2530.2 · Fund balance-conservation comm	10,273.67	8,971.04
2530.3 · Fund balance-forest maintenance	12,518.18	12,204.15
Total Equity	37,465.63	262,394.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	365,966.23	684,245.58

TREASURER'S REPORT
Summary of accounts held by treasurer for 2005

General checking account

Beginning balance 1/1/05	\$ 1,067.73
Transfers from money market	2,601,358.88
Expenditures per treasurer's report	(2,595,252.35)
Revenues or expenses reported net	(4,662.53)
Performance bonds refunded	(2,000.00)
MMA bank charges included in expenditures	25.00
Ending balance 12/31/05	<u>\$ 536.73</u>

General money market account

Beginning balance 1/1/05	\$ 489,848.46
Revenues per treasurer's report	2,279,056.76
Performance bond for Gove lot	4,000.00
Revenues or expenses reported net	4,662.53
Bank charges	(25.00)
Transfers to general checking	(2,601,358.88)
Ending balance 12/31/05	<u>\$ 176,183.87</u>

Conservation commission savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/05	\$ 8,971.04
LUC tax proceeds	2,000.00
Miscellaneous gifts	596.69
2005 balance of appropriation	162.75
Interest income	35.34
Conservation commission expenses	(1,492.15)
Ending balance 12/31/05	<u>\$ 10,273.67</u>

Forest maintenance savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/05	\$ 12,204.15
Timber sale proceeds	6,135.43
Interest income	53.32
Forest management plan expenses	(2,807.00)
Transfer to general fund	(3,067.72)
Ending balance 12/31/05	<u>\$ 12,518.18</u>

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Land 01-001	\$109,000
Contents	7,000
Library and Land 01-005	113,000
Contents	63,000
 Town Garage and Land 66-517	 74,700
Equipment	220,000
Materials and Supplies	6,000
Grange Hall and Land 06-183	56,000
Town Common 01-001A	28,000
Sand Pit, Transfer Station 66-517	15,000
 Subtotal	 691,700

Land Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:

Roberts Lot 28-380C	14,800
Howard Estate Lot 13-231A	17,600
Ball Lot 58-466	6,900
Buss Lot 26-357	8,300
Callum Lot 61-485	2,000
Champney Lot 16-260	11,600
Crescent Lake Lot 08-101B	7,900
Farnsworth Lot 73-279A	39,300
Gove Lots 10-207, 207A, 208, 208A And Fournier Lot 209 merged	328,800
Hurd Lots 08-55C, 59B	33,400
Jennison Lot 32-623	28,100
 Nelson Lot 32-618A	 11,400
Onofrio Lot 03-140A	18,100
Prouty Lot 38-649	7,100
Shaw Lot 13-227A	9,900
Subtotal	545,200

Land Acquired Through Gift or Purchase

Acworth Wetlands (Peirera/Diggert) Lots 16-263A, 263C, 255 merged to 253	16,000
Pierce Brook Lot 70-720	8,700
Ward Lot 53-422A	10,200
Mill Pond Acre/Mica Shed 05-176	10,900
Five Points School House Lot 59-464	7,000
Prince Lot 66-515A	1,600
Fournier Lot (included above)	
Lubetkin/Cemetery Lot 24-297	4,000
 Subtotal	 58,400
 Total	 1,295,300

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2005

Kelly Sanchas

DEBITS

	<u>Levy for</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Levy For Prior Years</u> <u>2004</u> <u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
<u>Uncollected Taxes Beg. of Year</u>		
Property Taxes		138,907.70
Land Use Change		5,418.00
Yield Taxes		812.04
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.		12.74
Other Charges		25.00
<u>Taxes Committed This Year</u>		
Property Taxes	1,414,234.65	3,037.00
Land Use Change	16,870.00	
Yield Taxes	15,144.48	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	156.40	
Other Charges	50.00	
<u>Overpayment</u>		
Property Taxes	957.49	3,479.13
Costs Before Lien		1,230.50
Interest - Late Tax	1,230.36	7,750.47
TOTAL DEBITS	1,448,643.38	160,672.58

CREDITS

<u>Remitted to Treasurer</u>		
Property Taxes	1,277,396.46	112,722.91
Resident Taxes	16,370.00	218.00
Land Use Change	14,745.05	364.54
Interest (include lien conversion)	1,230.36	5,057.74
Conversion to Lien(principal only)		35,858.88
Other Charges	50.00	25.00
<u>Abatements Made</u>		
Property Taxes	2,602.65	2,912.77
Land Use Change		3,500.00
Uncollected Taxes		
Property Taxes	135,193.03	
Land Use Change	500.00	
Yield Taxes	399.43	
TOTAL CREDITS	1,448,643.38	160,672.58

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2005
Kelly Sanchas

DEBITS

	<u>Last Yr's Levy for</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Levy For Prior Years</u> <u>2003</u> <u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>		
Unredeemed Liens Balance at beginning of Fiscal Year		20,396.96	6,991.76	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	35,858.88			
Interest & Cost Collected (After Lien Execution)	482.89	2,000.69	1,640.51	
TOTAL DEBITS	36,341.77	22,397.65	8,632.27	

CREDITS

	<u>Last Yr's Levy for</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Levy For Prior Years</u> <u>2003</u> <u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>		
Redemptions	11,163.68	14,296.27	6,991.76	
Interst & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	482.89	2,025.26	1,640.51	
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	24,695.20	6,076.12		
TOTAL CREDITS	36,341.77	22,397.65	8,632.27	

TOWN CLERK REPORT FOR 2005

Charlotte D. Comeau

January 1 – December 31, 2005

MOTOR VEHICLES

Vehicle Registrations	120,160.52
Clerk Fees	1,452.00
Title Fees	446.00
Bad Check Fees	<u>50.00</u>
	122,108.52

DOGS

LICENSES ISSUED: 213

Town Fees	872.00
State Fees	457.50
Late Fees	<u>20.00</u>
	1,349.50

MARRIAGES

LICENSES ISSUED: 4

Town Fees	28.00
State Fees	<u>152.00</u>
	180.00

ELECTIONS

Candidate Filing Fees	6.00
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FILING FEES

Uniform Commercial Codes	15.00
Pole License Fees	20.00
Vital Record Copies	
Town Fees	27.00
State Fees	53.00
Miscellaneous Filing Fees	<u>73.50</u>
	188.50

REMITTED TO TREASURER 123,832.52

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

If the issues facing the Town in 2005 were to be summarized under one heading it seems it could read "Challenges and Opportunities".

The October flooding presented the greatest fiscal and physical challenge the Town has faced in recent memory. Damage costs exceeded half a million dollars, twice our annual highway budget. Six weeks of continuous work by the Highway Department and contractors under its supervision returned most of the roads to a condition maintainable for winter. Some will need revisiting in the spring. Completion of the work propelled us into the reimbursement application process. With twenty project sites to document, this was a lengthy administrative task. To date the Town has been reimbursed for the 75% Federal share of the work or \$408,044. The State has promised to fund all but \$5,000. of the balance.

The opportunity inherent in the flood experience was to rebuild infrastructure that would be safer and more able to withstand another such occurrence. In the future, damage reimbursement could depend on having emergency and hazard mitigation planning in place. Planning will require cooperation between Town departments, citizen and satellite organizations such as Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Church and School. The Board will be working with State and Federal agencies on plan development.

The challenge of restoring the Town Hall was met within budget and with pleasing result. Bob Skinner submitted the winning bid for the project and carried it through competently despite unforeseen factors such as fire safety and structural problems. John Herpel, acting as Clerk of the Works, researched codes, specified hardware and paint, and tended to numerous other details including tracking the project budget. Various individuals donated time and labor, particularly Jeff Foote who donated the labor involved in making the three new doors and the Herpels who donated their labor restoring the Hall windows. The Board now holds its meetings in the Hall which better accommodates those who attend regularly.

Completion of that project presents another opportunity: the Town offices, which have served us since 1976, are in need of attention. The leaking roof is beyond repair, public access does not meet code requirements, secure storage and file space is inadequate and, for any who have attended on nights of multiple meetings, space is tight. The Building Committee is working on plans for a modest upgrade/expansion. The Board supports this effort in the interest of preserving what we have invested in the Town Hall already and preparing for future needs.

The 2005 Town Meeting established a Committee to develop policies for Class VI Road use and development. CVI Roads have been cited as one of the thorniest challenges facing rural towns statewide. Representing a wide variety of views, the Committee has produced policies for voter consideration as it was charged.

The policies are general in nature; individual road consideration was prohibited by time constraints. The Committee has expressed a willingness to work on individual roads; the Board took this as an opportunity and voted in support of the Committee continuing. This is an issue which is of concern to many. Wide participation through meeting and hearing attendance is important to the Town's future.

Road maintenance consumes a considerable portion of Board meetings. In 2005 the Road Committee was reactivated to assist with long term maintenance planning, development of road history files, research relating to road maintenance options and creation of a plan for equipment replacement aimed at avoiding the repair spending which has adversely impacted the highway budget in recent years. Work on these issues, though interrupted by the fall flooding, will continue.

Following a bidding process last spring, Municipal Resources and Vision Technologies were contracted to reevaluate the Town. During 2005 each property was visited for measuring and listing. In 2006 the data will be analyzed and values established. Property owners will be notified of the new values in late summer and hearings will be held for questions. The new values will be used with updated parcel map information to compute the Fall 2006 tax bills. The updated parcel maps were completed in December and can be viewed in the Board office. Revaluation and Remapping represented sizeable challenges to Acworth in their cost and in the administrative time they required. The benefit to all of us will be accurate and equitable town wide assessment records which, if maintained, will avoid future large expenditures by the Town.

In late spring the Board found it necessary to initiate changes in the Town's police coverage. Considering the complexities of law enforcement today, the Board believes the Town is best served by being associated with a larger entity. Our coverage by State Police Troop C of Keene has proven effective and economical for the Town at this time.

In addition to these issues, the Board has been pleased with accomplishments in other areas such as the establishment of a formal Policy/Procedures Manual to assure more uniform handling of Board business; expansion of the Town website to include current issues information; initial steps taken in the implementation of junk yard licensing; and preparation by the Town Clerk's office to restore municipal agent motor vehicle services to the Town in 2006.

On the horizon for 2007 is the end of the Solid Waste Project. Waste disposal vendors have already begun submitting proposals to the Town for consideration. Decisions will need to be made as to how the Town wishes to dispose of its trash.

Many challenges, many opportunities. As always, the Board appreciates the input of all interested Townspeople. We hope you will attend Town Meeting and our regularly scheduled meetings to express your views.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Selectmen

2005 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

2005 was just another typical year at the Acworth Highway Dept. The biggest snow storms came in March, heavy rains all summer with the usual flooding and severe road damages, culverts washing out and so on. I think Prescott and I are finally getting used to it.

There were quite a few changes within the department last year. As most of the citizens know we had lots of problems with the old truck and with the support of the voters, (THANK YOU VERY MUCH!) we replaced it with a 2006 International 7500 6 wheel dump truck at a cost of \$110,000. This truck is working out very well for us.

The Road Committee was reactivated in 2005 and was showing some progress until the October flood and for obvious reasons came to a screeching halt, which was unfortunate, because budget time was right around the corner. I'm hoping that we'll have better luck in 2006, and get some concrete plans for Acworth roads. If we cast a Master Plan, we can better our budget strategies for our future.

Although I didn't get as involved as I'd like to have, the Class 6 Road Committee was very productive in coming up with some plans and guidelines for our Class 6 roads. It'll be interesting to see how this will go at town meeting. There seems to be a lot of controversy over this issue.

The department had more personnel changes in 2005. Scott Bingham left us to go to Rescue Inc. in Brattleboro. Rescue Inc. is an ambulance service and Scott really prefers that kind of work over road maintenance. I've talked to him since and he seems to be enjoying it. I wish him the best of luck. It just so happened, (to my good fortune) that at the same time Scott was getting done, Bob Stocker was retiring from the state D.O.T. and was looking for something to do. So we had him come on as our third man and this is working out very well. For some reason though he made it pretty clear he didn't want to work through the winter months. After 32 years of plowing and sanding, you'd think he'd kind of miss it. But anyway, that left us without a third man for the winter. So we approached Bob Blair who had worked for us last winter to fill in during big storms. This turned out to be a good opportunity for Bob as well as us. Bob is taking over Grant Tallman's mowing service and was looking for full time winter work. So the end result is we have two fulltime year round employees and two seasonal fulltime.

Floods! We had floods. Two. The first was on June 29. Ten roads were damaged. Some severely. This was an isolated storm and the county didn't qualify for FEMA assistance. We got through that one okay, then the big one hit on October 8. We spent roughly a half million dollars repairing our roads. Almost half of that went to Echo Valley Bridge. Other roads damaged were, Derry Hill, Crane Brook, Gove, and Nye to name a few. Our dirt roads for the most part held up pretty well considering. FEMA has come through once again for our little town. We should be receiving almost all the money spent, from FEMA grants and from the State. The worst part of the flood in October was the timing. It left us with very little time to grade the back roads. Some are in very poor condition. We'll have to deal with them the best we can until spring. Everyone's patience is greatly appreciated.

Although the decision was made to rebuild Allen Rd. last year, it was put off until this year because of the damages to Luther Hill done during the June storm. The Selectmen decided to repair and resurface that road instead. I'm happy with the way it came out and feel the Selectmen made a good choice. Our intention is to grind Allen Rd. in 2006 the same way it was done on the Lempster end. We have to replace several of the culverts and add a few hundred yards of gravel to build the road up, but it will be a good road for years to come when finished.

Our goal is to continue to work hard and be more productive in 2006 for the citizens of Acworth. Both Prescott and I enjoy working for you, and always try to keep our roads safe and passable.

Sincerely,
Kerry Smith, Road Agent

2005 SOLID WASTE REPORT

Municipal solid waste shipped for incineration: 280 tons

Cost for shipping: \$8,644 @ approx. \$200/haul and \$230/month rental

Cost for disposal: \$25,510 @ \$91/ton

Total \$34,154 or \$122/ton

Construction and Demolition debris shipped to landfill: 106 tons

Cost for shipping and disposal: \$13,643 @ \$129/ton

Combined Total for MSW and C&D: \$47,797 for 386 tons

Average cost for shipping and disposal of solid waste: \$124/ton

Other waste materials shipped:

Tires: 3.35 tons. \$519 @ \$155/ton, offset by fees

Batteries: 708 pounds. \$779 @ \$1.10/lb (one time event in 2005)

Electronics: 5288 pounds. \$980 @ 18.5 cents/lb, offset by fees

Glass: 20 tons @ \$10/ton to Keene Recycling Center for aggregate

Co-mingled Containers > 10 tons (plastic, tin, aluminum)

Mixed Paper Products > 60 tons (includes cardboard)

Scrap Metal estimated at > 30 tons

Acworth saved over \$12,000 in avoided disposal costs in 2005 while generating \$13,100 in revenues. Almost \$11,000 of this amount was raised through disposal and handling fees. The remainder was the net recycling income. The recycling rate is estimated at just under 30%. Increased recycling decreases the solid waste budget. Acworth may wish to consider moving to a user fee system for household trash to give residents a direct incentive to reduce the amount of waste destined for disposal. Finding increased savings will be important as the town considers its options following the anticipated dissolution of the NH/VT Solid Waste Project in 2007. Hauling and disposal costs are rising in the region.

Summary

Shipped to landfill or incinerator	386 tons
Shipped through the NRRA recycling cooperative	95 tons
Scrap Metal (estimated)	<u>30 tons</u>
Total: material generated	511 tons

In 2005 Acworth residents* generated about 1200 pounds of solid waste per person on an annual basis or just over 3.3 lbs/person/day.

- Residents disposed of about 920 pounds per person or 2.5 lbs/person/day.
- Residents recycled about 300 lbs/person/year or .8 lbs/person/day

Based on total expenditure of \$75,197 in 2005 and a net expenditure of \$62,088:

	Gross	Net
-Per capita cost to run the Acworth transfer station in 2005:	\$89	\$74
-Average cost per household	\$146	\$120

* 2000 Census reports 836 residents and 512 “housing units.” (318 year-round households, 172 seasonal and 22 other.)

Todd Lindenstruth continues to improve management and operations at the Acworth transfer station. His dedication and service are valued. The assistance of Ken Gagnon, Hank Carr, the highway department and volunteers is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
John Tuthill

Representative to the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District

Note: Figures in this report are rounded and are for the purpose of general comparison. No distinction is made between commercial and residential waste.

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005

The Trustees met six times at the Town Hall beginning in February 2005. Additionally we met in Claremont with Citizens Bank officers to review and improve accounting and reporting of funds and trusts for clarity and ease of understanding. We were also successful in obtaining more favorable interest rates and flexibility in the way we want to schedule our Certificates of Deposit.

During April we received \$6,174.24 from the Cemetery Association after this group chose to dissolve and disperse all its residual funds. These funds were determined to be “unrestricted” as to use in any town cemetery.

Our investment policy was reviewed and a decision was made not to make any adjustments at this time. We also developed and approved a set of By-Laws for conducting trustee’s meetings. This has resulted in our meetings being better organized, more focused, and efficient.

Attendance at meetings has been 100% by all trustees and our recording secretary. This level of participation with a full compliment of elected trustees (the first time in decades) resulted in continued improvements in performing our duties.

Tim Perry was elected in 2005 to a term of three years, bringing with him more financial abilities and implementation skills. The board is fortunate for his addition.

Our recording secretary Marianne Nevelson proves to be an indispensable link among us, and our correspondents. The greatly improved recording of our official activities significantly enhances our accountability to the public.

In 2005 a Cash Receipts and Disbursement Journal was designed by the Bookkeeper John S. Demars. This is now updated as transactions are recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Alston W. Barrett, Chairman

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH ON DECEMBER 31, 2005

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL					INCOME						
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance Year End	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Year End			
n/a	Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve	Common	5.4	15,796.25	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,796.25	1,742.42	6.8	469.40	0.00	2,211.82	33,008.07
n/a	Property Revaluation	Capital Reserve	Common	20	58,182.00	40,000.00	0.00	57,172.26	41,009.74	2,127.05	22.1	1,532.49	0.00	3,659.54	44,669.28
n/a	Dump Closure	Capital Reserve	Common	9.7	28,310.02	0.00	0.00	8,058.22	20,251.80	508.36	10.2	708.42	0.00	1,216.78	21,466.58
1913	Edward C Ball	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	695.13	0.2	12.43	4.33	703.23	803.23
1913	Julia A Bswell	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.46	8.85	1,441.46	1,641.46
1916	Mary L Bowers	Cemetery	Common	0.1	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	2,150.09	0.6	38.37	13.40	2,175.06	2,475.06
1922	TW Place	Cemetery	Common	0	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	349.60	0.1	6.25	2.18	353.67	403.67
1922	George W Neal	Cemetery	Common	0	106.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	106.36	760.03	0.2	13.56	4.72	768.87	875.23
1924	William Warner	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1925	Horace G Perham	Cemetery	Common	0	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	349.60	0.1	6.26	2.18	353.68	403.68
1925	Henry A. Clark	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.46	8.85	1,441.46	1,641.46
1925	Laura L. McKeen	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1925	Abram Mitchell	Cemetery	Common	0.1	190.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	190.00	1,344.33	0.4	24.05	8.36	1,360.02	1,550.02
1929	Charles K Wood	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1930	Cynthia Finley	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1930	Charles Elliot	Cemetery	Common	0	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	349.60	0.1	6.26	2.18	353.68	403.68
1930	Hyram Hayward	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1931	Ada L Wallace	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45
1931	White-Ryder	Cemetery	Common	0	95.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	95.00	672.17	0.2	12.01	4.18	680.00	775.00
1932	Oarett Eaton	Cemetery	Common	0	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	187.78	0.1	3.33	1.16	189.95	214.95
1933	Samual A. Nye	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1934	Ashlon A Hemphill	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1937	George W. Buss	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1937	Frank McVaughton	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1937	Walter Slader	Cemetery	Common	0.1	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	2,150.07	0.6	38.37	13.40	2,175.04	2,475.04
1938	George W. Call	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1939	Alger E Hemphill	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1940	Charles M Thornton	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1941	Gertrude C Reade	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.46	8.85	1,441.46	1,641.46
1941	Weston Kamp	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1941	Olin R Kamp	Cemetery	Common	0	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	349.60	0.1	6.26	2.18	353.68	403.68
1942	James Jeffrey	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1942	H W Allen	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1943	Ella Penliss	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1944	Almon E Clark	Cemetery	Common	0	130.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.00	914.20	0.2	16.35	5.69	924.86	1,054.86
1944	Francis Buss	Cemetery	Common	0	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	510.39	0.1	9.10	3.16	516.33	586.33
1945	Edwin S Chatterton	Cemetery	Common	0.1	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	2,150.07	0.6	38.37	13.40	2,175.04	2,475.04
1946	Horace Rugg	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1946	Erving Davis	Cemetery	Common	0.1	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	1,075.04	0.3	19.17	6.67	1,087.54	1,237.54

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1946	Carl Kemp	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1946	W A Barney	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1947	Fred Batchelder	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1947	The Bass Lot	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.46	8.85	1,441.46	1,641.46
1951	Grace Muzzy	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1951	Horace Dexter	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1952	Barent C Finley	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1952	George W Potter	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1954	Roscoe Hull	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.46	8.85	1,441.46	1,641.46
1955	Clara Johnson	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.46	8.85	1,441.46	1,641.46
1957	C M Emerson	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1957	Frank & J Melcalf	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1957	N. G. & J Webster	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1958	Freeman Campbell	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1958	John Symonds	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.53	4.35	707.62	807.62
1958	Elmer E Wheeler	Cemetery	Common	0.1	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	1,075.04	0.3	19.17	6.67	1,087.54	1,237.54
1958	Arthur Penham	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45
1959	Lufkin Robbins	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1959	Clarence Jeffrey	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1959	Reed-Wallace	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45
1960	Robert-Jones	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45
1960	B K Barlow	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1961	Solon L Neal	Cemetery	Common	0.1	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	1,075.04	0.3	19.17	6.67	1,087.54	1,237.54
1961	Solon Neal	Cemetery	Common	0.1	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	1,075.04	0.3	19.17	6.67	1,087.54	1,237.54
1961	Arthur Potter	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1961	Raymond C Davis	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45
1962	Hayward, Liv. & Hol.	Cemetery	Common	0.2	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	3,574.90	0.9	63.81	22.22	3,616.49	4,116.49
1962	D Moody & W Huntley	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45
1962	Charles Barlow	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45
1962	Meader-Hemphill	Cemetery	Common	0.1	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	1,075.04	0.3	19.16	6.67	1,087.53	1,237.53
1964	Charles & B Perry	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45
1965	Wm. & Belle Plink	Cemetery	Common	0.1	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	1,075.04	0.3	19.17	6.67	1,087.54	1,237.54
1965	Herbert F Hawthell	Cemetery	Common	0	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	913.27	0.2	16.27	5.66	923.88	1,048.88
1967	George W Walker	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45
1968	H Reed & L Young	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45
1968	Wm & Rufus Hillard	Cemetery	Common	0.2	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	4,274.32	1.1	78.35	26.55	4,324.12	4,924.12
1969	Eva & Carl Grant	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45
1969	Paul Balin	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1969	Dorothy N Fought	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45

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1971	Harry D. Kemp	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45
1972	Myrie E. Reed	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1977	Albin Dressell	Cemetery	Common	0.1	165.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	165.00	1,208.58	0.3	21.50	7.48	1,222.60	1,387.60
1979	Everett Knight	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.85	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.45	1,641.45
1979	Earl Luther, Sr.	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,424.77	0.4	25.45	8.85	1,441.37	1,641.37
1979	Scott Farley	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1979	Edwin B Dallin	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	699.44	0.2	12.52	4.35	707.61	807.61
1983	Madeline & Leon Balla	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	423.90	0.1	8.20	2.85	429.25	529.25
1984	Corey-Rutler Lot	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	743.08	0.2	14.77	5.14	752.71	952.71
1985	Eva & Jos. Dempsey	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	327.48	0.1	6.70	2.33	331.85	431.85
1987	Elsesser Lot	Cemetery	Common	0.1	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	415.86	0.1	8.87	3.08	421.65	571.65
1990	Streeter Lot	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	352.40	0.1	8.65	3.01	358.04	558.04
1991	George Wright	Cemetery	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	139.67	0.1	3.75	1.31	142.11	242.11
2000	Hammond Young	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	154.60	0.1	5.55	1.93	158.22	358.22
2003	Ernest & Geneva Lamphear L	Cemetery	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	2.60	0	2.99	1.10	4.49	204.49
1991	R Mitchell FBO Old Cem	Cemetery Trust	Common	1.7	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	700.71	1.3	89.34	0.00	790.05	5,790.05
1991	R Mitchell FBO Cem Fund	Cemetery Trust	Common	3.4	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	1,480.52	2.6	179.89	0.00	1,660.41	11,660.41
n/a	Cemetery Trust Acworth Acct	Cemetery Trust	Common	2.1	0.00	6,174.24	0.00	0.00	6,174.24	0.00	1.7	120.72	0.00	120.72	6,294.96
1992	R & C Jeffrey Mem Lib Fun	Library	Common	25.1	73,068.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,068.88	128.70	17.3	1,258.98	913.73	473.95	73,542.83
2000	S. Codman Hiskop FBO Slisly	Library	Common	5	14,620.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,620.39	25.76	3.5	251.83	182.77	94.82	14,715.21
1916	Rebecca W. Madison	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0.1	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	6.02	0.1	3.84	2.43	7.43	157.43
1924	W. L. Woodbury	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0.3	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	40.24	0.4	25.65	16.23	49.66	1,049.66
1924	Abram Mitchell	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0.2	475.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	475.00	19.11	0.2	12.19	7.70	23.60	498.60
1939	Walter Slader	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0.1	164.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	164.06	6.58	0.1	4.21	2.66	8.13	172.19
1989	Madeline Lindsay	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0.1	245.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	245.00	9.86	0.1	6.29	3.98	12.17	257.17
1989	Alan & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0	105.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	105.00	4.21	0	2.68	1.70	5.19	110.19
1989	Friends of Library	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.02	0	2.57	1.63	4.96	104.96
1989	Anonymous Donation	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	2.01	0	1.27	0.81	2.47	52.47
1989	Slisly Library Donation	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.02	0	2.57	1.63	4.96	104.96
1989	G.F. & M.G. Hanson	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0.1	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.05	0.1	5.13	3.24	9.94	209.94
1990	Alan & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.02	0	2.57	1.62	4.97	104.97
1990	Helen Smith	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0.1	167.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	167.00	6.71	0.1	4.27	2.71	8.27	175.27
1990	Mary Smith	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0.1	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	140.00	5.62	0.1	3.57	2.27	6.92	146.92
1990	Ellen Sawyer Shelton	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.81	0	0.53	0.33	1.01	21.01
1991	Maudie H. Moody	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0.2	520.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	520.00	20.93	0.2	13.34	8.44	25.83	545.83
1999	Nancy Sandoe Mem	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0.3	985.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	985.00	39.64	0.4	25.27	15.99	48.92	1,033.92
2000	Nancy Sandoe	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0.1	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	10.06	0.1	6.39	4.05	12.40	282.40
2000	Ella & Leon Newton	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0.3	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	40.25	0.4	25.65	16.23	49.67	1,049.67
2001	Nancy Poltrick	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.02	0	2.57	1.63	4.96	104.96

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2003	J. David Lyle	Miscellaneous Li	Common	0	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	2.01	0	1.27	0.81	2.47	52.47
n/a	R Mitchell FBO T/O Acworth	Town	Common	1.7	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	698.82	0.8	58.33	0.00	757.15	5,757.15
n/a	F Richard & C Jeffrey-VNA	Town	Common	19.2	55,840.41	0.00	0.00	55,840.41	3,065.88	8.7	602.97	0.00	3,668.85	59,509.26
					284,995.37	116,174.24	0.00	65,230.48	280,939.13	98,431.02	7,005.53	1,742.59	103,693.96	384,633.09

LIBRARY REPORT

During this past year at the Acworth Silsby Library, the first and second-graders have continued their regular visits to the library, use of our computers granted by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has increased, and inter-library loan has been used very effectively to bring books from all over the state to Acworth residents.

A book discussion group has begun, currently meeting once a month at 4:00 on Sunday afternoons at the library, hosted by Suzanne Orlando, Acworth resident and Lempster librarian. Books are chosen by the discussion participants; then a stack of this month's books are made available at the library for anyone who is interested, whether you can make it to the discussion or not. Come, enjoy the opportunity to connect with friendly people and good books, help select the next book, or drop us a note to let us know which meeting times work best for you.

This year has seen a definite increase in inter-library loan (ILL) transactions at our library. ILL is a convenient means by which any Acworth resident can borrow any book which is in New Hampshire's participating libraries. So if you hear about a book on the radio or from a friend, and you think to yourself, "Our library probably doesn't have that book," think again! At the end of 2005, we had access to just over 1.6 million titles (almost 5 million physical items), with about 1300 titles being added weekly. Look for an old favorite, follow a special interest, or consider requesting an audio version of a book you've been waiting to read, and listen to it instead while you're painting the ceiling or driving to work.

New this year: the NH State Library has provided library patrons with access to the full text electronic edition of The Union Leader & New Hampshire Sunday Times 1989 to current, and NewsBank Special Reports. This resource provides a 15 year archive and is updated daily with all aspects of community and local news, national and international events, obituaries, letters to the editor, legal issues, news headlines, politics and much more. Stop in at the library for site and password information.

Our annual book sale on Old Home Day weekend was extremely successful, thanks especially to your donated books and the time and effort of several dedicated volunteers. We received almost \$800 toward the purchase of new books!

Trusty Trustees: In March 2005 we said goodbye to Ruth Balla, who spent 18 years as a library trustee, and this year is our last with Ella Brown, who has done a wonderful job as treasurer. We will miss their valuable service and insights.

Library hours: 11:30-4:30 Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.

2006 Library Holidays: April 16 (Easter), May 14 (Mother's Day), July 4, and Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving).

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ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

2005

The year 2005 was a special time for the Acworth Library Trustees. There were happy times and sad times. Ruth Balla, after serving 18 dedicated years as a Library Trustee, decided to retire. In October the library trustees and guests showed her their appreciation with a thank-you party. A wooden bench was placed on the Library lawn dedicated to her many years of service to the Library and her love for the town of Acworth. She will be greatly missed.

Tanya Holt is now serving as the new Library Trustee, elected March 2005. We are so fortunate to have her join the team. She comes to us with many fresh ideas.

The Friends of the Library, many kind residents and other organizations gave gifts of money to the Library this year. At this time when operating costs are skyrocketing, we are so grateful. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all. We appreciate your generosity.

This past year we have begun the process of improving our walkway to the Library's front entrance. As many of our patrons know, during the spring season we must 'walk the planks' to reach the Library due to pooling water in the current walkway. We plan to further this project this spring.

Also on our project list in 2006 is determining how we may update a section of the Library's basement to provide a meeting area that will be available without disrupting library patrons.

As this year unfolds, please take time to stop by the Acworth Silsby Library and discover or RE-discover the many services available. There is a copy machine for your use, two public-use computers (and a scanner), an ever-growing collection of books in print and on tape, and videos. You may purchase a copy of the History of Acworth (two editions are available), or wooden replicas of Acworth buildings from the Friends of the Library - - and don't forget to have a look at the stuffed bird collection! Be sure to attend the huge book sale sponsored by the Trustees on Old Home Day weekend, of which all proceeds go to the purchase of more books.

Talk with Bresca and Barbara and make some suggestions how the Library could better serve you and the community. Remember, if a selection or resource you are looking for is currently not in our collection at Acworth, we will make every effort to obtain it for you through the New Hampshire State Library Inter-Library Loan program.

Thank you to everyone for your support. We hope to see you all at the Acworth Silsby Library in 2006.

Ella Brown & Melinda Loiselle
Trustees of Acworth Silsby Library

ACWORTH SILBSY LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2005

BEGINNING BALANCE CHECKING	1365.30	
BEGINNING BALANCE SAVINGS	10175.07	
BEGINNING BALANCE CD	39441.83	
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TOWN APPROPRIATION		
RECEIVED FROM TREASURER	9397.69	
SALARIES PAID BY TREASURER	11038.00	
SOC SEC PAID BY TREASURER	844.40	
HEAT	519.91	
	<hr/>	+ 21800.00
INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS	1125.09	
INTEREST ON SAVINGS & CD	569.23	
BOOK SALES & MISC	894.26	
MISC FEES & SERVICES	108.25	
CRAFT FAIR	180.00	
REFUNDS	89.69	
	<hr/>	+ 2966.52
UNRESTRICTED DONATIONS	518.00	
DESIGNATED DONATIONS	1000.00	
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TOTAL		77266.72
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS		
(TOWN AND LIBRARY FUNDS)		-20302.62
BALANCE		56964.10
ENDING BALANCE CHECKING	1823.71	
ENDING BALANCE SAVINGS	15176.66	
ENDING BALANCE CD	39963.73	
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

This year resulted in what is believed by the trustees to be considerable progress in the operation and maintenance of the cemeteries. Our surveyor completed a phase of his project and placed surface markers in part of the new cemetery so that lot locations will be more certain. The trustees also entered into an agreement with the surveyor for the completion of the task next year.

Due to the unexpected relocation of our previous grounds maintenance man, the trustees had to hustle around and find a new lawn care service. Grant Tallman rose to the occasion and soon had the cemeteries looking better than they had in some time.

Kristian Fenderson agreed to become assistant sexton for at least a trial year in order to aid Ken Bogle. Since his appointment, he has completed a botanical survey of the trees and shrubs within the cemeteries and has drawn up a multiyear plan for their long-term care. Additionally, he has started reviewing the condition of the monuments with the intention of determining any necessary repairs as well as maintaining the integrity of those threatened by trees or other causes. It should be noted that these are services for which he charges in other towns. Kristian is also organizing a volunteers' group to perform light maintenance and other tasks on behalf of our cemeteries.

Finally, the old Cemetery Association formally disbanded and its assets were placed in an unrestricted cemetery fund with the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT

Acworth fire and rescue volunteers responded to 60 calls this year. Forty of those were for medical assistance. Eleven involved vehicle accidents. Others included wires on trees, malfunctioning heating equipment, and hazardous spills. Fire calls included one local, one for mutual aid to Goshen and one for assistance to a house fire in Alstead.

The balance of the federal grant obtained in 2004 was used toward new breathing apparatus. A new chain saw was purchased with a portion of the Arthur Smith memorial funds.

The October floods kept us busy securing a leaking gas tank at the South Acworth church and numerous pumping details. We were fortunate, however, to escape any major disasters despite the lack of electricity and telephone service for several days and many road hazards that required round-about trips between towns. Unable to provide any assistance to the devastated Alstead area, we voted to donate money that would usually be spent to provide mutual aid. Half was given to the Alstead area Relief Fund and half designated toward restoring Millot Green, where the Alstead Fire Department holds major fundraisers and where many Acworth youngsters participate in sports and other events.

The year continued on toward its sad ending. In December the historic home of Bill and Nancy Austin was destroyed by fire. Several area fire departments joined us, but flames had already engulfed the entire house within minutes of its discovery.

Our last call of the year was for medical assistance to Buddy Smith, who died in the hospital a few days later. Buddy was an early member of the Fire Company and remained one of us for the rest of his life. Not much inclined toward formalities, Buddy sort of drifted away from meetings and the business of the organization, but he was always there when we needed him and sometimes even before we knew we needed him. Accepting no payment, he plowed and sanded our yard and kept our trucks going, cleared the path at emergency scenes, towed cars, or did whatever else was needed, so we could do our jobs and get back home again. No matter whether his work was interrupted for the day or his sleep was lost for the night, he was there with his good cheer and vast competence. We shall miss him greatly.

We're always looking for a few more resident members. Thanks to those who have contributed funds and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Elbert D. Knicely, Chief

LEFEVRE AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

The year 2005 was a very challenging one. As you no doubt are aware, we lost two of our covered towns in Vermont July 1, 2005. We have continued to serve all of our remaining communities and to look forward to continuing in the same professional, competent, and caring manner as we have in the past.

Our staff has continued to grow professionally. They have expanded their levels of certification, resulting in a consistently higher level of care provided to those in need. We currently have two employees enrolled in paramedic school. There is an ever-increasing demand for their skills.

We purchased a 1996 Horton Ambulance that is now in service and a welcome addition to our fleet.

Monthly training sessions are also held at our office in Bellows Falls. Any parties, especially Acworth EMS providers, are encouraged to attend. Please call (802) 463-3636 for a schedule of training.

We responded to the following calls in Acworth in 2005:

Emergency calls	36
Emergencies without Transport	3
Other-Fire, Standby, Public assistance, etc.	9
Total	48

We are grateful for the opportunity to be the provider of ambulance service to your town, and we are committed to the provision of the highest quality service available. We look forward to continuing with this level of service. We would be remiss if we did not also acknowledge the superb services of the Fire and Rescue Departments within the town, whose dedicated, capable members allow the system to function at its best. A tremendous thanks to all of them.

Our telephone numbers for your convenience: Emergency (802)463-4223, Non-emergency (802)463-3636/463-9299, Fax (802)463-0023.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald R. LeFevre, President LEFEVRE AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT – 2005

According to NH state law, “Zoning, subdivision regulations and related regulations are a legislative tool that enables municipal government to meet more effectively the demands of evolving and growing communities...Proper regulations enhance the public health, safety and general welfare and encourage the appropriate and wise use of land...planning, zoning and related regulations have been and should continue to be the responsibility of municipal government” (RSA 672:1).

You, the “legislative body” of Acworth’s municipal government, created the Acworth Planning Board in 1978 to achieve these goals. The tools for achievement are well considered land use regulations that give more to the property-owning citizen than they take away.

Last year there were 47 property sales in Acworth, involving 677.3 acres and \$5,423,051. 21 new residential building permits were granted during the last two years. Acworth faces unprecedented change, yet the tools to direct this change have not been sharpened for a while. Validated in spirit by numerous recent citizen surveys, our 1979 Master Plan has not been technically updated for 27 years. Subdivision Regulations have remained unrevised for 23 years, Zoning for 7 years, Driveway Regulations for 12 years, Planning Board Rules of Procedure for 10 years.

As demonstrated by its efforts during 2005, the Acworth Planning Board takes its responsibility for keeping land use regulations current and fair seriously, while also attending to its day-to-day business guided by the rule of law. We created and filled a new administrative assistant position last May, significantly increasing our operational efficiency. In 2005, we made 30 site visits, approved 5 of 5 subdivision applications, 10 of 11 driveway permit applications, and recommended 5 of 8 Class 6 road building permit applications to the Board of Selectmen. After duly scheduled public hearings, we passed updated Driveway regs and Planning Board Rules of Procedure in 2005, as well as presenting new Subdivision regs for public hearing on Jan. 26 of this year. Our Master Plan Subcommittee drafted 4 chapters of a new 12-chapter outline, contracted with the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission for ongoing consultation, arranged for new mapping of 8 Town geographical feature categories using the latest digital technology, and in January 2006 was energized by several new citizen volunteers willing to write and edit. Continued work on Master Plan and Zoning updates is on the Board’s agenda for 2006. All our meetings are open to the public. Your participation is not only welcome, but essential.

Looking ahead, the Board anticipates spirited and healthy public debate. Those who favor abolishing the Board should remind themselves that they favor no zoning. Those who favor no limits on private property rights should remind themselves that they favor no limits on private speculators, who may buy and use Acworth’s rural heritage more for financial gain than for the Town’s long-term benefit. No citizen can possess unlimited property rights while expecting Acworth to remain protected by its rapidly vanishing remoteness from an ac-

tive land market. The Planning Board believes that such a position would be out of step with most Acworth voters.

The Board wishes to proceed proactively on zoning and subdivision protections with plenty of time for voter participation, rather than reactively and hastily as a result of failure to anticipate the threats so clearly evident around us. After passing an emergency “interim growth management ordinance”, taxpayers in next-door Unity have funded two trips to the NH Supreme Court defending their town from a massive 565 unit housing development on 300 acres because of inadequate zoning and subdivision regulations, and litigation continues. Acworth’s Russell farm on Charlestown Road was nearly carved up by an out-of-state developer last year, until a buyer for most of it fortunately appeared. Land speculators, all non-Acworthians, have contacted the Planning Board chairman about the maximum number of houses they can cram into a particular piece of property they may be eyeing. Acworth is no longer isolated or immune; just lucky, so far.

27 years ago, our Master Plan said “the townspeople wanted the Town to retain its character and quality as a rural, residential town and to take the necessary steps to achieve that end.” Our people are still saying that today. Development must and will occur...all of us have to decide how. Citizens, rather than luck, should determine Acworth’s future. Input from voters with sometimes widely divergent views, presented thoughtfully and with respect neighbor for neighbor, will help the Acworth Planning Board truly represent our community.

The Board is grateful for aid, freely given, from the Class 6 Road Committee and the Acworth Conservation Commission in service to the Town.

John K. Herpel, Chairman, Acworth Planning Board

2005 ACWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Conservation Commission thanks all who worked with us during 2005 to help us accomplish our goals.

2005 Conservation Commission Projects

- Held our annual Green Up Day (roadside trash pick-up) in May. Again, we could not have done this without Acworth 4-H clubs, Scouts, these parents, and Barb Davis, our able organizer.
- Several members attended conferences including the Annual Meeting & Workshops of the “NH Association of Conservation Commissions”, “Saving Special Places” and several Cooperative Extension workshops on wildlife and forestry.
- Worked with Mark Goodwin to update and finish a map of “Acworth’s Special Places”.
- Continued to work with Grant Taylor’s carving club, whose students have created beautiful wooden signs for both of Acworth’s Town Forests.
- Received a grant from the “Mooseplate” Conservation grants to hire a biologist who is assessing “natural and unique plant communities” in Acworth.
- Organized conservation displays for Old Home Day and Town Meeting day.

Coordination with other boards and organizations includes:

- Two members serve on the Master Plan Update committee.
- Chair and Vice Chair continue to share a non-voting position on the Acworth Planning Board.
- We share costs and work with the Crescent Lake Association and Unity Conservation Commission to complete the annual water quality monitoring tests on the lake.
- We support the Crescent Lake Weed Watchers in their dedicated work to keep the lake free of the invasive aquatic weed, Eurasian Milfoil.
- We communicate with the Cold River Local Advisory Committee.

Conservation Easement Report: The commission provides stewardship oversight of the following private conservation easement properties in town:

- ❑ The “Raymond Roy” farm, owned by Paul and Verna Thibault
- ❑ The “Maude Moody” farm, owned by Bruce Bascom and family
- ❑ The “Clark Farm”, owned by David & Alvin Clark and family
- ❑ The “Pierce Brook” property, owned by Fred and Else Ernst.

In addition, other easements in town with oversight by other conservation organizations in NH include:

- ❑ Other Bascom family lands (LCIP and Department of Agriculture)
- ❑ Abe and Helen Sirkin’s property on Gove Road (SPNHF)
- ❑ Gove Town Forest (SPNHF)
- ❑ East Acworth Wetlands (SPNHF)
- ❑ Bill and Anne Russell’s 296 acres of farm and forest lands on Grout Hill and Ball Roads. This new easement also includes most

of the frontage along the Cold River from Grout Hill bridge to Dodge Brook. (SPNHF)

The Conservation Commission is grateful to the generosity and conservation planning of these landowners. The protection of wide open spaces both forested and agricultural, as well as land along rivers and streams and wetlands will help protect our water supplies, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and the knowledge that these beautiful places will be here for our children's children and all who choose to live in Acworth for years to come.

Acworth Town Forests Report

Established by town meeting vote in 1997, the almost 300 acre Gove Town Forest is located in the northeast corner of the town on the slopes above Crescent Lake. Timber production, wildlife management, watershed protection and outdoor recreation are the management goals for this property. In addition, the 2005 Town Meeting approved creation of a new Town Forest, the 100 acre "Jennison Lot" on Hilliard Road in South Acworth.

The management of the Town Forest has been steady and productive due to the efforts of the Town Forest Advisory Board. Appreciation and thanks for work done over the past year are extended to our team. The work included:

- Completion of a land protection agreement for the Town Forest with the Forest Society.
- Completion of a winter timber harvest and preparations made for another in 2005.
- Significant boundary marking and clearing.
- Opening of a pedestrian hiking trail to the summit of Gove Hill.
- Development of Forest Maintenance Budgets.
- Transfer of \$3800 from the forest fund to town general fund.

The conservation commission meets from 7-9 PM at the town hall on the second Wednesday of each month. The public is always welcome to attend. We sincerely thank you for your continued support of conservation efforts in Acworth.

Respectfully,

Peter Wotowiec, Jr., Chair

Deborah Hinman, Vice Chair

Other Members: Rob DeValk, Hugh Gendron, John Demars (Treasurer), Barbara Davis, and Lyman Young (Selectboard rep)

Alternates: David DelGenio, Liana Haubrich, and Samuel R. Stephens

Members of the Forest Advisory Board: Non-commission members Terry Callum, Peter Rhoades (Town Forester), Bill Willette, Kris Fenderson (Town Tree Warden). Conservation Commission members Peter Wotowiec, Deb Hinman, Rob DeValk and Dave DelGenio.

Acworth Conservation Commission Mission Statement: The Acworth Conservation Commission exists (per order of NH RSA 36:a) to support the sound conservation of the natural and cultural resources of the Town of Acworth. The Commission is charged with

advising town officials on matters of natural resource concern, promoting public education about conservation issues, and supporting the protection of local water, soil, forest and wildlife resources through direct conservation initiatives. These actions are planned, funded and implemented by mutual agreement and as authorized by the townspeople of Acworth via the town meeting and the town selectboard.

REPORT OF THE CLASS VI ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

01-10-06

BACKGROUND

In March of 2005, the town voted to instruct the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board to draft a policy for Acworth's Class VI roads, (*town roads not actively maintained by the town*), to be considered at the 2006 Town Meeting. On April 11, 2005, a joint meeting of the town boards agreed to set up a Class VI Roads Committee. Efforts were made to ensure broad representation from members of the public and town officials, including a healthy diversity of personal views and opinions.

The committee first met on May 9, 2005 and continued to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month following. It was made up of members of the public as well as representatives from the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Town Road Agent.

GOALS

The committee had only a few months to generate results before the initial September deadline proposed by the BOS so members agreed to focus on drafting general "*Use and Maintenance*" and "*Building*" policies to include basic guidelines and principles applicable wherever use or development was to be considered by the BOS. A road-by road policy was deemed essential to pursue, but was not initiated by the committee given the tight schedule. A concurrent goal was to determine exactly which roads have Class VI status and which are private.

METHODS

Research tapped three major resources; field visits, written materials, and input from Acworth towns people.

1. - Roads. The committee formulated a field evaluation sheet used to catalogue the physical characteristics of Class VI and private roads, all of which were visited by committee members.

2. - Written materials. A review of New Hampshire state law provided the legal foundation for Class VI road status and oversight. Existing town guidelines, plans, and opinion surveys provided an idea of the current state of Acworth Class VI road stewardship. Historical documents including old maps and the 1979 Master Plan provided the basis for determining which roads actually have Class VI or private status. Existing policies and information from area towns and regional planning councils led to understanding what other towns have done. Finally, legal opinions, both general and responses to specific questions from Acworth were considered.

3. - Acworth townspeople. All committee meetings were open to the public, being noticed at the Town Hall and both post offices. Drafts of both policies were submitted to the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board for comments and revision before being discussed at public hearing on November 21, 2005. Public comment was encouraged, welcomed, and incorporated in subsequent

drafts.

Member participation in committee meetings and deliberations was consistently high. Outside meetings, members volunteered significant time, including undertaking field visits to all roads and conducting extensive research. Rather than rely upon majority vote, all committee decisions were by consensus ensuring the broadest possible support and the most solid results possible.

RESULTS

“Use and Maintenance” and “Building” policies for Class VI roads were created and approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board for presentation to the public and for vote at the 2006 Town Meeting.

An up-to-date road map of Acworth, based on the 1979 Master Plan Map, was created in conjunction with the Master Plan Subcommittee. This map will be available as part of the revised Master Plan. Copies will be available from the Planning Board for use by town officials and Acworth townspeople.

A Class VI Road file was begun. It should be continued and improved by the Planning Board as an integral component of the “Class VI Road Use and Maintenance Policy”.

Respectfully submitted by the Class VI Road Advisory Committee,

Sandy Brewer	
David del Genio	
Frank Emig	
Ken Gagnon	Secretary
Nancy Jennison	
Stella Herpel	Vice Chair
Craig Oshkello	
Chris Noonan	
Kerry Smith	Road Agent
Peter Wotowiec	Chair
Lyman Young	Selectman

2005 RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The year 2005 saw the Recreation Committee involved in many of its traditional activities, including flooding the rink at Mill Pond Acre, baseball in the spring and soccer in the fall. Due to low registrations, we fielded only baseball team. Soccer had a higher turnout with two teams playing. Unfortunately, the soccer season was cut short by the October flooding and snow which followed shortly after.

Thanks to the Acworth Community Profile Project in October, the Recreation Committee has several new members including Mary and Dan Guiseppone, Bob Skinner, Sam Edson, Dennis Eaton, Janet Albright and Jim Genovese. The Committee now meets the first Thursday of the month.

In response to the chronic problem of drivers digging up the field on Turkey Shoot Road, we have purchased a new gate for the field entrance. It will be kept locked, but will be accessible to authorized vehicles.

The Committee recently created a recreation survey which was distributed throughout Acworth to generate input on the kinds of activities the community is interested in. The survey also indicated who is interested in specific activities so they can be contacted accordingly. As a result of this input the Committee will be sponsoring card and board game nights on the second Thursday of the month. We are also hoping to offer Tai Chi, dance and art classes. As additional surveys come in more activities will be considered. Survey forms are still available at the Village Store, Library and Town Hall. You can also give your ideas directly to any of our Committee members.

Finally, on Town Meeting night, we will be resurrecting an old tradition of serving a beef stew dinner before and during the meeting; come and see us in the map room. There will also be a dessert and drink table in the Hall. Proceeds from food sales will go to future recreation projects.

Mary Lord
Recreation Committee Chair

CRESCENT LAKE ASSOCIATION REPORT

Once again the Lake Host Program at the Crescent Lake boat ramp had a very successful season. We employed four hosts, two from Unity and two from Acworth who worked 89 days for a total of 855 hours. They were on duty seven days a week from June 11 through September 5.

The payroll was a little over \$9,000 and was made possible by the following contributions:

\$3,000 grant from DES

\$2,000 from Town of Acworth

\$1,000 from Town of Unity

The remainder of funds came from dues paid to the Crescent Lake Association by its members.

A total of 430 boats were inspected, up from 358 in 2004. No invasive species of plants were found.

The Crescent Lake Association Milfoil Committee would like to thank the Town of Acworth for its willingness to help in this important project and hope we can count on your continued support.

Crescent Lake Association, Fred Yates, Secretary
Milfoil Committee, Tim Perry, Chair

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee

Towns in the watershed: Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Lempster, Marlow, Unity, and Walpole

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) consists of citizen representatives appointed by selectboards from Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster, and Walpole. The CRLAC supports municipal boards and is developing a Watershed Management Plan that will assist towns in managing water resources. The committee also reviews river corridor projects needing state and federal permits and investigates related issues of local or statewide significance.

CRLAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2005:

1. Municipal Conservation, Planning & Health Assistance

- Continued work on a voluntary watershed management plan for the Cold River.
- Secured an additional year of watershed assistance from the National Parks' Rivers and Trails Program.
- Advised our Lake Associations (Warren and Crescent) on wetland and water quality degradation issues.
- Assisted Alstead with subdivision and stormwater permitting, as well as the development of their master plan survey and evaluation of possible well contamination issues.
- Provided Acworth with guidance on fuel storage tank design and possible impacts to water resources.
- Co-coordinated brainstorming sessions regarding the management and future of the Vilas Pool area.

2. Workshops, Events & Education

- Held the well-attended *Workshop on Protecting Water Quality in the Cold River Watershed* at the Vilas School in March. This event provided an overview of watershed features, threats, uses and management approaches.
- Organized a nature walk ("*Trib Trek*") along Alstead's Camp Brook in February, hosted by David Moody.
- Mentored and assisted Antioch student Dee Caldwell with her hydrology study on Camp Brook.
- Assisted Keene High student Kristen Harkay with her class project involving the Cold River.

3. Water Quality & Quantity Monitoring

- Revised and streamlined our comprehensive surface water characterization program, now in its fourth year, to more closely adhere to NH's Consolidated Assessment Listing Methodology (CALM).
- Initiated an in-stream pilot study of volunteer flow monitoring at Drewsville Gorge with the State of NH.
- Purchased additional sampling supplies and developed field equipment improvements.

- Completed three “routine” water quality and stream stage monitoring events on the Cold River and its major tributaries as part of NH’s Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP).
- Solicited and received DES funding for additional bacteria, nutrient and metal analyses.

4. Drinking Water Protection Plan

- With the professional assistance of Granite State Rural Water Association, initiated and led a comprehensive evaluation of drinking water protection for public drinking water systems at all schools within the watershed.
- Published a Drinking Water Protection Plan with detailed recommendations for further actions.

5. Post-Flood Response Efforts

- Procured additional water sampling funding and assistance from NH DES, and completed several post-flood monitoring events on the Cold River and Warren Brook.
- Supported efforts to fund floodplain-floodway mapping, erosion/stream bank restoration and Millot Green revitalization projects through the U.S. Geological Survey, NH DES and National Park Service.
- Provided practical recommendations to municipal boards on environmental issues.
- Communicated local landowner information requests to NH DES’ Watershed Bureau.
- Assisted private well owners with bacteria/nitrogen contamination and well disinfection concerns.
- Summarized local flood precipitation data for the Town of Alstead.

The flooding that occurred in October 2005 provoked a level of devastation to people’s lives and property, as well as to Warren Brook and the Cold River as we know it, and it is impossible to adequately write about it. The Advisory Committee sends our grateful admiration to all those who have worked and continue to work so tirelessly and courageously to find solutions.

The Advisory Committee welcomes your participation on any of our projects. We meet on the third Thursday of each month, 7- 9PM, usually in the Alstead Town Offices. To be on our email notices for workshops or monitoring events, call any member. We thank everyone who has worked with us during the past year, and we are particularly grateful to Ted Walsh of NH DES, Lelia Mellen of NPS and Jen Palmiotto of GSRWA for their many hours of assistance.

Sincerely,

Deborah Hinman, Chair (835-2309)

Jennifer Polcari, Vice Chair (835-2376)

Acworth: Debby Hinman and Laura Malinoski-Adams

Alstead: Howard Weeks, Mike Heidorn and Sam Sutcliffe

Langdon: Jen Polcari and Cathy MacDonald

Lempster: Vacant

Walpole: Pam O’Hara, Austin Hunter and Charles Montgomery

DEATHS REGISTERED IN ACWORTH
JANUARY 1, 2005 – DECEMBER 31, 2005

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Pitkin, Eleanor	74	Keene, NH	02/01/05
Comeau, Anne	75	Claremont, NH	02/04/05
Reed, Bernice	78	Dover, NH	02/15/05
Dickerman, Lorraine	66	Westmoreland, VT	04/27/05
Knight, Dorothy	70	Claremont, NH	09/17/05
Deardon, Roselva	77	Lebanon, NH	10/29/05
Guerrlich, Joan	71	Springfield, VT	09/11/05

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN ACWORTH
JANUARY 1, 2005 – DECEMBER 31, 2005

<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Porter, Tony	Pellerin, Jennasys	Walpole, NH	09/17/05
Pinz, Richard	Marshall, Melissa	Acworth, NH	09/24/05
Robinson, Matthew	Sheehan, Maryellen	Walpole, NH	10/29/05
Hamilton, Kevin	Brown, Darlene	New London, NH	12/10/05

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACWORTH
JANUARY 1, 2005 – DECEMBER 31, 2005**

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
Sanchas, Aaron Xavier	02/13/05	Keene, NH	Sanchas, Scott	Sanchas, Kelly
Vasconcellos, Brandon Anthony	03/14/05	Claremont, NH	Vasconcellos, Anthony	Vasconcellos, Dana
Troian, Myles Elliot	10/11/05	Lebanon, NH	Troian, Christopher	Troian, Laura
Leone, Luciano Alexander	12/08/05	Keene, NH	Leone, Nicholas	Leone, Rebecca



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Board of Selectmen
Town of Acworth
Acworth, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audits of the Treasurer's Report and the Tax Collector's Reports of the Town of Acworth, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2004, we considered the Town's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing opinions on the Treasurer's and the Tax Collector's Reports and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

During the course of our audit, we did not become aware of any matters that were opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiencies. This letter does not affect our report dated January 30, 2006 on the Treasurer's and the Tax Collector's Reports of the Town of Acworth, New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

Mason + Rich, P.A.

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January 30, 2006

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Board of Selectmen
Town of Acworth
Acworth, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying Treasurer's Report (cash basis of accounting) of the Treasurer of the Town of Acworth for the year January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. This schedule is the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the schedule based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Treasurer's Report is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the schedules. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall schedule presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the schedule referred to above presents fairly the activity in the Treasurer's accounts arising from the cash transactions for the year January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Mason + Rich, P.A.

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January 30, 2006

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Town of Acworth
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We have audited the accompanying Tax Collector's Report and Report of Tax Lien Accounts (cash basis of accounting) of the Tax Collector of the Acworth for the year January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. These schedules are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the schedules based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Tax Collector's Report and Report of Tax Lien Accounts is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the schedules. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall schedule presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the schedules referred to above present fairly the activity in the Tax Collector's accounts arising from the cash transactions for the year January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Mason + Rich, P.A.

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January 30, 2006

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February 1, 2006

Town of Acworth
Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 37
Acworth, New Hampshire 03601

Dear Selectmen:

We are currently scheduling time to go to the Town Office to complete the audit of the Trustees of Trust Funds. We would anticipate that the final audit reports would be issued shortly after we have completed the audit field work at the Town Office for the Trust Funds.

If you have any further questions, please call me at our Concord office (224-2000) or you can reach me on my cell phone (630-4110).

Sincerely,

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